Phi Alpha Theta

Mu Chapter 2013-2014
Mu Chapter Advisers & Officers

Dr. Michael Rosenow, Faculty Sponsor

Kelsey Riddle, President

Jennifer Reed, Vice-President

Joshua Ross, Secretary

Judy Huff, Treasurer
Mu Chapter got the semester off to a great start by representing Phi Alpha Theta at UCA’s Welcome Week. Our officers set up a table and talked to freshmen and transfer students about the awesome opportunities in UCA’s History Department and the Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta!
Mu Chapter initiated seven members, five of whom went through the traditional initiation rituals before enjoying refreshments with friends & faculty.
Our members created a newspaper themed display and handouts to inform students about the History department. We displayed history books written by UCA professors and popped popcorn to draw attention to our table.
The display for our sister program, African/African-American Studies, was also manned by History faculty and students.
Mu Chapter had a group outing to Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock in November. We carpooled with our chapter sponsor & had a fascinating time learning about the history of African American life & culture in Arkansas.
Mu Book Sale!

Mu members took turns manning our November book sale. Fiction and non-fiction books were donated by students and faculty members to raise money for the Mu Chapter. The campus news channel also interviewed our volunteers about Phi Alpha Theta & our book sale.
It was a special moment when Judy Huff, the History department secretary and Mu Chapter treasurer, graduated with her History B.A. after 11.5 years. She earned her degree while working full time and raising two sons.

Congratulations Graduates!
Mu Chapter initiated eight members, six of whom went through the traditional Phi Alpha Theta initiation ceremony.
Mu Chapter Hosts Mock Conference!

In mid-March, Mu Chapter held a mock academic conference to prepare members to present at the PAT regional conference. Mu members and graduate students listened to presentations and offered advice on content and speaking style.
Mu Chapter has a four year record of sending students to present at PAT regional and national conferences. Three students represented Mu Chapter at the regional Phi Alpha Theta conference in March, where one of our undergraduates was awarded second place for her paper on Cold War Germany.
Mu Chapter hosted a movie night for History students and faculty. Our members posted flyers, asked local businesses to donate pizza, popped popcorn, and baked cookies to get ready for this fun event!
After showing the movie, our faculty sponsor, Dr. Rosenow, led a discussion on the similarities between the movie *In Time* and the relationships between wealth, power, and the working class in 19th and 20th century America.

Mu Chapter has been hosting Movie Nights for several years, but this was our biggest turnout yet! We were especially proud that several freshmen and other prospective Mu members came to join in the fun.
Mu members came out in force to judge exhibits, review websites, films, and essays, and provide support for the middle and high school History Day state competition. Below, three Mu members sort ballots to make sure teachers and students get valuable feedback before the national competition.
In April, four of our Mu Chapter members presented their research at the College of Liberal Arts Research Symposium. Students and faculty came out to show support for our fantastic Phi Alpha Theta members!
Honors Convocation

Three Mu Chapter members received awards at the UCA College of Liberal Arts Honors Convocation. Awards included: Outstanding BA/BS History Student, Ophelia Fisher Award for Outstanding History Paper, and Outstanding BSE Social Studies Student.

Mu Chapter: Committed to Student Excellence since 1932

Mu President Kelsey Riddle received recognition as an outstanding student in the College of Liberal Arts.
Mu Chapter had a record turnout at Old Chicago Pizza with forty students and faculty members from the History Department in attendance!
Congratulations & Good Luck Spring Graduates!
Mu Chapter Elected New Officers!

In April, Mu Chapter elected four new officers to serve 2014-2015. We can’t wait for next year!

Jennifer Barker, President

Joe Swafford, Vice President

Johnathan White, Secretary

Sierra Moon, Treasurer