The goal of Phi Alpha Theta (PAT) is to increase student involvement in their academic journey while at the same time providing a socially welcoming atmosphere for historical endeavors. The organization emphasizes the ability of both undergraduate and graduate students to contribute to history by helping and learning from each other. Participation in national and regional academic conferences, co-sponsoring various guest speakers, the annual induction of new members, historical movie nights, and monthly meetings further both the goals of the organization and individual members. Florida Atlantic University’s Chapter of PAT, Xi Omega, is a smaller part of the national organization and as such we offer numerous opportunities for networking and chance for students at all levels of study to present their work in an academic forum.
Requirements for Induction into the Honor Society:

Undergraduate Requirements:
- Completed minimum 12 hours in history
- History GPA 3.1 or better
- Overall GPA 3.0 or better
- Must be in upper 35% of class

Graduate Requirements:
- Completed minimum of 12 hours in the masters degree program
- GPA of 3.5 or better
- Completed 30% or more of general requirements

Initiation:
- Takes place every Spring Semester
- Cost per student is $55.00 payable at time of initiation

Scholarship Opportunities

PAT/Undergraduate Student Scholarship
Exceptional junior members entering the senior year and majoring in Modern European History (1815 to present) are eligible for:
- The Graydon A. Tunstall, Jr. Scholarship of $1,000
This scholarship is based on both financial need and merit.

Graduate Student Scholarship
Phi Alpha Theta members entering graduate school for the first time who are studying in a Master’s program in History are eligible for:
- The A. F. Zimmerman Scholarship of $1,250
- The Thomas S. Morgan Memorial Scholarship of $850
- The William E. Parrish Scholarship of $850

PAT Paper Prize Award
Phi Alpha Theta awards six prizes annually for outstanding papers by members of our society:
- The George P. Hammond Prize of $500 for the best paper by a graduate student member of Phi Alpha Theta
- The Lynn W. Turner Prize of $500 for the best paper by an undergraduate student member of Phi Alpha Theta
- The Nels Andrew Cleven Founder’s Paper Prize Awards, two undergraduate and two graduate awards of $350 each, for superior papers submitted by student members of Phi Alpha Theta

Scholarship Opportunities

PAT/Western Front Association Prize
Phi Alpha Theta and the Western Front Association award an annual prize of $1,000 for an essay written by an undergraduate student at an American college or university. Honorable Mention certificates will be given to runners-up.

PAT/World History Association Prize
Phi Alpha Theta and the World History Association, with a generous subvention from Pearson Prentice Hall, Inc., a publisher of history textbooks, are co-sponsoring a student paper prize in world history. An award of $400* will be given for the best undergraduate world history paper, and an additional award of $400* will be presented for the best graduate-level world history paper, both composed during the academic year of 2008-2009.

Applications should be made to the national organization. The Historian is the national PAT publication and can be found at www.phialphatheta.org

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Scholarship Opportunities

Xi Omega members attend several conferences, including the Biennial Phi Alpha Theta National Conference, the Florida Conference of Historians, the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, and the American Historical Association Conference. They also take trips to museums, and participate in the department’s annual Larkin symposium on the history of the U.S. Presidency, and engage in other history-oriented activities.