Alpha Beta Epsilon, the UH Mānoa chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, has done it again! Our UH Mānoa chapter has been named national Best Chapter (Division V) for 2018. This is the fourth time that Alpha Beta Epsilon has won the prestigious national award. As we celebrate our 35th year on campus, we are especially proud to bring national recognition to our university, the UH History department, and our communities here in Hawai‘i.

Phi Alpha Theta or PAT (ΦΑΘ) is an American honor society for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history. The society has over 400,000 members, with approximately 9,500 new members joining each year through 970 local chapters. The Alpha Beta Epsilon chapter at UH Mānoa was started in 1984 by Dr. Robert McGlone and we proudly carry on his legacy. Our current faculty advisors, Dr. Peter H. Hoffenberg, Dr. Karen Jolly, and new advisor Dr. Cheehyung Harrison Kim, make it possible for our chapter to continue the rich traditions of Phi Alpha Theta as we encourage excellence in the study of history and foster an enriched academic community. Our chapter will be helping to organize the 35th Annual Hawai‘i Regional Meeting of Phi Alpha Theta on Sat., March 9, 2019. The conference will be held for the first time at UH Hilo and we look forward to a full contingent of UH Mānoa students sharing their research and presentations with PAT chapters from UH Hilo, BYU–Hawai‘i, Chaminade, and Hawai‘i Pacific University. Our students continue to work tirelessly, raising funds for our students to travel to conferences and conduct research in archives around the world. The commitment of our students is the cornerstone of the chapter and key to our success; we are proud to once again receive the honor of Best Chapter for 2018.