

# Mortar Board

National College Senior Honor Society

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## **EIGHT MORTAR BOARD FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2013-2014**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Mortar Board National Foundation proudly announces that over \$30,000 has been awarded to eight outstanding Mortar Board members to support their graduate education during the 2013-2014 year. Mortar Board National Foundation president, Sally Steadman, Ph.D., observed, “These eight fellowship recipients represent the very best that Mortar Board has to offer. We are extremely proud to support their postgraduate endeavors as they continue to achieve success in their scholarly, leadership and charitable pursuits.”

Every year, the Mortar Board National Foundation awards fellowships to assist members in financing their graduate studies. Since the establishment of the fellowship program in 1941, nearly \$700,000 has been granted to help members pursue graduate or professional school. Annually, members are chosen to receive these competitive fellowships based on a demonstrated record of academic excellence, strong recommendation, scholarship promise, financial need and Mortar Board involvement.

This year’s Mortar Board national fellowship recipients are as follows:

### **Elisa Angeles Bonnin**

Award: Ruth Weimer Mount Fellowship (\$3,500)  
Undergraduate Initiation: University of South Carolina, Alpha Order chapter, 2012  
Graduate Institution: University of Washington  
Degree Program: Ph.D., Chemical Oceanography

### **Sarah Boone**

Award: Mortar Board Fellowship (\$5,000)  
Undergraduate Initiation: University of Washington, Tolo chapter, 2012  
Graduate Institution: University of Oxford  
Degree Program: M.Sc., Water Science, Politics and Management

### **Roza Essaw**

Award: Mortar Board Fellowship (\$5,000)  
Undergraduate Initiation: Southern Methodist University, Decima chapter, 2011  
Graduate Institution: London School of Economics  
Degree Program: M.Sc., Human Rights

### **Gretchen E. Heberling**

Award: Mortar Board Ramier-Coleman Fellowship (\$3,500)  
Undergraduate Initiation: University of Wyoming, Cap & Gown chapter, 2010  
Graduate Institution: Stanford University  
Degree Program: M.S., Civil Engineering, Sustainable Design and Construction

### **Leah Nadine Isquith**

Award: Ellen North Dunlap Fellowship (\$3,500)  
Undergraduate Initiation: Emory University, Omega Epsilon chapter, 2008  
Graduate Institution: University of Washington  
Degree Program: Ph.D., Biocultural Anthropology

### **Ashley Jacobson**

Award: Zelma Patchin-Oklahoma State/Washington State Fellowship (\$3,500)  
Undergraduate Initiation: Tulane University, Sophie Newcomb Alpha Sigma Sigma chapter, 2007  
Graduate Institution: Northwestern University  
Degree Program: MBA, Management

**Hannah Haejin Kim**

Award: Mortar Board Diane Selby Fellowship (\$5,000)

Undergraduate Initiation: Emory University, Omega Epsilon chapter, 2012

Graduate Institution: University of Oxford

Degree Program: M.St., Philosophical Theology

**Carl J. Kirpes**

Award: Barbara Cook Fellowship (\$5,000)

Undergraduate Initiation: Iowa State University, Torch chapter, 2010

Graduate Institution: Iowa State University

Degree Program: M.Eng., Systems Engineering

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Since its founding in 1918, more than a quarter of a million members have held the honor of being initiated at 230 chartered chapters across the nation. Mortar Board provides its members with opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community. Some notable Mortar Board members include professional football player and philanthropist Drew Brees, former United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and award-winning actor Marion Ross. Learn more about Mortar Board at [www.mortarboard.org](http://www.mortarboard.org).

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