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MORTAR BOARD AWARDS EMERGING LEADER HONOR TO GLOBAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER LESLIE LANG

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society announced that Leslie Lang, J.D., of West Hills, Calif., is the recipient of the 2013 Emerging Leader Award.

The Mortar Board Emerging Leader Award was created this year to recognize extraordinary Mortar Board alumni who are within 20 years of their graduation, have demonstrated exceptional achievement in their careers and are noted for outstanding community service. Honorees serve as remarkable role models and represent Mortar Board's commitment to the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

Lang was initiated into the Theta Gamma chapter of Mortar Board at the University of California-Berkeley in 2005 and served as the chapter's president. After earning a baccalaureate degree with a dual major in business administration and rhetoric at Berkeley, she was selected as a John Gardner Public Service Fellow, working for a year at The World Bank in Washington, D.C., to launch major poverty initiatives in African countries. Upon receiving numerous scholarships, including the Mortar Board National Fellowship, Lang entered Harvard Law School. She participated on the submissions committee for the prestigious *Harvard International Law Journal* and as a team leader for the Harvard Law & International Development Society. Lang obtained her J.D. in 2010 and worked as a law clerk to the deputy chief justice for the Supreme Court of Rwanda. She also gained two years of private practice experience as an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York.

In 2012, Lang reconnected with a fellow Berkeley Mortar Board member to join the leadership team at Microclinic International, a non-profit organization in San Francisco specializing in global public health. In this new role, she took the lead in launching a new phase of MCI's "Team Up 4 Health" program in rural Kentucky to combat diabetes, obesity and heart disease. She also assists in global project management tasks for microclinics in Jordan and Kenya.

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.

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