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MORTAR BOARD PRESENTS EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING WITH DISTINCTION AWARD TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA ADVISOR SALLY STEADMAN

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society announced that Sally Steadman, Ph.D., of Mobile, Ala., is the recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Advising Award with Distinction. This honor was presented to Steadman at the Society's national conference, held this summer in Atlanta.

The Mortar Board Excellence in Advising with Distinction Award was created last year to recognize extraordinary service of longstanding by advisors of Mortar Board chapters who have already received an advising award. Steadman received her first national Excellence in Advising award in 2003. Honorees are nominated by their chapters and selected by a group of national volunteers.

A dedicated Mortar Board advisor for an astounding 28 years, Steadman has been the guiding force behind two Mortar Board chapters. She first served as advisor at the University of Wyoming, where she was named a four-time "Top Prof" and recipient of the Outstanding Advisor Award and the Exceptional Dedication and Service Award. For the last 10 years, she has continued to set the standard for exceptional advising at the Azalea chapter at the University of South Alabama. The chapter's president said, "Dr. Steadman is a champion for Mortar Board and believes in everything that Mortar Board stands for....She creates a love for Mortar Board that is contagious. She is a true leader and tirelessly works to encourage excellence in everyone around her. Students and faculty alike see Sally as a role model." Steadman's devotion to Mortar Board is unparalleled. She has served as a volunteer national officer for more than a decade, including a term as national president. She is currently president of the Mortar Board National Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Society.

Steadman was initiated in 1968 into the Cap & Gown chapter of Mortar Board at the University of Wyoming, where she earned a baccalaureate degree in honors civil engineering in 1969 and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in 1994. She also holds a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Denver, earned in 1973. Her professional career has included work as a civil engineer, computer scientist, adjunct assistant professor and director of the Engineering Summer Program/Minority Engineering Program at the University of Wyoming. She is currently a part-time instructor and scholarship and fellowship advisor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of South Alabama. Many university committees benefit from her expertise, including the University of Wyoming National Advisory Board, the University of South Alabama Academic Success Team, the Goldwater Scholarship and the Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Research. Steadman has been named Wyoming Eminent Engineer and National Outstanding Advisor by Tau Beta Pi, and she received the Wyoming Engineering Society President's Outstanding Engineer award.

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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