



GENERAL INFORMATION

Preparing you to lead

The goal of the Mortar Board National Conference is to prepare you to lead your chapter by providing leadership development, fostering idea-sharing, and identifying and discussing issues pertinent to the organization. We are confident that you will be ready to lead your chapter into a year of success, set goals that are meaningful, and recruit an excellent class to follow you!

Our expectations of you

You are expected to attend all events and business sessions at the conference and to return to campus ready to share what you've learned with your chapter. Your full participation in the conference is essential for you to lead your chapter to success over the next year.

Finding help

The National Office staff, conference advisory board, section coordinators and National Council are on hand to help with anything you need. Find them by noting their apparel!

Friday - All national leaders will wear navy conference t-shirts.

Saturday - All national leaders will be wearing black button-down shirts or black polo shirts

Nametags and ribbons

Wear your nametag at all times to ensure your admittance and let everyone know who you are.

Nametag colors

- White nametag - voting delegate
- Yellow nametag - nonvoting delegate, collegiate chapter representative or chapter advisor
- Gold oval nametag - national leader

Special nametag ribbons

Care to add some "flair" to your badge? Snag a fun ribbon that shows your personality at the Georgia Registration area.

Missing something?

Don't worry, additional copies of all conference materials will be available to download online.

CHAPTER AWARD RECOGNITION

Mortar Board strives to recognize its outstanding chapters. Chapters that exhibit a strong devotion to serving their alma mater, have outstanding campus visibility, exert a positive influence, display constant leadership and maintain strong academic standards should be honored. Commendable chapters will be recognized throughout the conference. If your chapter does not receive an award this year, make it a goal to become an award-winning chapter!

Silver Torch Award - This honor is awarded to chapters meeting all chapter minimum standards.

Golden Torch Award - This mark of distinction is given to chapters meeting all the requirements for the Silver Torch Award and excelling beyond the minimum, exemplifying scholarship, leadership and service. A chapter must apply for or be nominated to receive this award.

Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award - This award is the highest honor given in chapter achievement. The chapter is chosen based on chapter operations, participation, selection, advising, visibility and communications. A chapter that receives this award is not eligible again for five years.

Most Improved Chapter Award - The purpose of this award is to encourage chapter development and recognize a chapter that has achieved success during the year while re-establishing and re-invigorating programming and membership. To receive this award, a chapter must apply or be nominated.

Project Excellence Awards - Section coordinators may nominate outstanding projects, or chapters may self-nominate projects they have executed.

Excellence in Advising Awards - Advisors are honored annually at the national conference for exemplifying the Ideals of Mortar Board by providing excellent service, guidance and support to a collegiate chapter.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Conference Kickoff: Hooray!

3 - 4 p.m., Capitol Ballroom North

Presented by David Coleman

Enjoy being immersed in the wonder of Mortar Board with the finest scholar-leaders in the country--and have fun too. Take some of the exercises home to your chapter.

Conference Welcome

4 - 5 p.m., Capitol Ballroom North

Open the 50th national conference and meet the National Council with a touch of ceremony. A good time for Twitter frenzy.

Mortar Board and Me

5 - 5:45 p.m., Capitol Ballroom North

Presented by David Coleman

Mortar Board is the ultimate opportunity for you to cap your college career with meaningful activity that makes a mark on campus and on the other members of your chapter.

Dinner

6 - 7 p.m., Capitol Ballroom South/Center

What more can you say? Mortar Boards love to eat, and you have earned a chance to chat and chew!!!

Business Meeting

7 - 8 p.m., Capitol Ballroom North

Hear the speeches of the candidates for student representative and enjoy being all together again.

Section Meetings

8:15 - 9:15 p.m., Various locations - see handout

Meet with your SC and also build your relationship with leaders of chapters in your part of the country.

Making Relationships Matter*

9:30 - 10:30 p.m., Capitol Ballroom North

Presented by David Coleman

Opt in for this session on how you integrate the whole of who you are into your college career.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Torch Breakfast

7:45 - 8:45 a.m., Capitol Ballroom South/Center

Fuel your body and brain with ideas from a panel of Gold Torch chapter leaders. Sit with your section.

Chapter Operations I - Growth

9 - 10 a.m., Various locations - see handout

Every chapter builds on the operations of the previous class. Point your chapter in the direction of long-term success and stature on campus.

Chapter Operations II - Change

10:15 - 11 a.m., Various locations - see handout

You identified specific opportunities for your chapter's betterment. Explore these and commit to change.

Group Photo

11 - 11:30 a.m., Salon D

What a spectacle this is—and a fun bonding experience—a MB Family photo. Instagram, watch out!

Silver and Gold Awards Luncheon

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Capitol Ballroom South/Center

Find out which chapters win Silver and which win Gold (Torch awards). Be awestruck by our newest Emerging Leader and Alumni Achievement Award recipients. Hear from our partner, Nationwide®.

Networking T-Shirt Swap

1 - 1:30 p.m., Capitol Prefunction

A cool way to get a new shirt and network. F-U-N with a purpose.

Know What's Going on at Home (Leadership: Awareness of Self, then Awareness of Others)

1:30 - 2:15 p.m., Capitol Ballroom North

Presented by Sonja Ardoin

Your personal leadership style is directly related to your chapter's success. You'll love this program and a great presenter.

The Most Important Thing We Do

2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Capitol Ballroom North

Presented by Jane Hamblin with Lexie Beer and Tracey Fox

Membership selection is what makes your chapter special. You have the chance to honor the next leaders to earn the distinction of Mortar Board. Find out how it's done and why it's so important. The drawing for the \$100 gift card is a part of this session. Be there!

Networking Snack Attack

3:30 - 4:15 p.m., Capitol Prefunction

Grab a snack and check out all the chapter displays. Vote for the best one on the app!!!

Reflection and Intent - Doing Something in the Name of Mortar Board

4:30 - 5:15 p.m., Capitol Ballroom North

Presented by David Coleman

You have learned a lot—or too much?! Take some time to reflect on what you know and plan what is ahead for your leadership of your chapter.

Section Meeting II

5:30 - 6 p.m., Various locations - see handout

Meet with your SC once again to debrief the conference so far and start goal setting and planning for your Mortar Board year.

Pre-banquet Reception*

7 - 7:30 p.m., Capitol Prefunction

Meet all the award recipients and glam it up before the banquet.

Candlelight Banquet

7:30 - 10 p.m., Capitol Ballroom South/Center

Enjoy our Society at its finest—suspense, fine food, and inspiration. Which is the most improved chapter... and which will win the Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award, the top prize in all of Mortar Board? Photo ops abound!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Breakfast with the Fellows

7:45 - 8:45 a.m., Capitol Ballroom South/Center

A hot breakfast with great information about graduate and professional school. Meet three Mortar Board Fellows and find out how they got to be so awesome.

Capstone Leadership Lecture

8:45 - 9:45 a.m., Capitol Ballroom South/Center

Presented by Amber Dehne Baillon and Kathryn McDaniel Moore

Strategize about Mortar Board as part of your campus' leadership recognition program and intentionally linking Mortar Board to institutional initiatives. Also, be enthralled by a fine speaker who will suggest ideas for your collegiate Mortar Board experience.

Section Meeting III

10 - 11 a.m., Various locations - see handout

Meet a final time with your SC and visualize how to take the conference home.

Closing Business Meeting

11:15 a.m. - noon, Capitol Ballroom North

See the installation of our new student rep. Accept the charge of leadership of your chapter and, consequently, your campus. Congratulations!

**Optional sessions*