



Mortar Board

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ALUMNI NEWS

Mortar Board accepting applications for new Executive Director

A committee formed by the Mortar Board National Council and National Foundation has launched an extensive search to find an ideal executive director to lead the society following the April departure of Mortar Board's former executive director. Applications are being accepted through Sunday, July 12. The committee anticipates that the selected candidate will start his or her time with Mortar Board in the fall.

Mortar Board is an organization that requires visionary leadership and a strong commitment to our ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. National President Sally Steadman explained that "we are committed to ensuring that a well-qualified, devoted candidate will guide Mortar Board's future as the society's newest executive director. This multi-faceted position requires that an individual also serve as the society's chief financial officer, director of development and spokesperson. It is our goal to find a candidate with extensive knowledge about Mortar Board and the diverse skills and experience that are necessary to continue to build upon our society's rich traditions as we move forward."

All materials pertinent to the search for a new executive director, including the complete position description, have been made available online at www.mortarboard.org/EDsearch.

If you are interested in applying or know anyone who may be interested in applying for this position, please visit www.mortarboard.org/EDsearch or e-mail Search Committee Chair Jane Beyer at jbeyer@mortarboard.org.

National alumni award recipients announced

The recipients of the prestigious Mortar Board Alumni Achievement Award and Mortar Board Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award, to be honored at the 2009 Mortar Board National Conference this month, have been announced:

Alumni Achievement Award

The Alumni Achievement Award is conferred annually upon extraordinary Mortar Board alumni who are outstanding in their professional lives; who have contributed to the local, national and international communities; and who serve as outstanding role models to collegiate members.

- Shontrai Irving (Indiana University, Initiated in 1996)
- Jo Ann Rohyans (Miami University, Initiated in 1968)

Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award

The Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award is presented annually to Mortar Board alumni who have retained connections or contact with Mortar Board in either collegiate or alumni areas and have demonstrated outstanding community or campus service.

- Shelia Castellarin (The Ohio State University, Initiated in 1957)
- John Mount (The Ohio State University, Made honorary member in 1981)

The deadline to nominate a deserving alumnus for the Alumni Achievement Award or the Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award is March 15 annually. Detailed biographies on these award recipients will be featured in the Fall 2009 edition of the Mortar Board Forum magazine.

These four devoted members will be recognized at the candlelight banquet held on July 25, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare hotel. Mortar Board members are welcome to attend the banquet for \$30. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, July 15 by calling 1-800-989-6266 or send your check and any special diet requests to the Mortar Board National Office, 1200 Chambers Road, Suite 201, Columbus, OH 43212.

Note to members

The Mortar Board National Office wants to know all about you – awards, new jobs, accomplishments, life events, and more! Update us using an easy online form at www.mortarboard.org/forms/alumni_update.php or by sending an e-mail to mbforum@mortarboard.org.

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or

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Share your Mortar Board stories with the commemorative historical book

Do you have great Mortar Board stories, photos or memorabilia? Or, would you like to serve as a chapter's permanent historical liaison to assist with the book? Please contact the national Historical Publication Committee at history@mortarboard.org as they prepare for the publication of Mortar Board's centennial history book. Learn more at www.mortarboard.org/history.



Is graduate school right for me?

QS World MBA Tour and World Grad School Tour are working with Mortar Board to help you find the answer to the lingering question: "is graduate school right for me?"

The *QS Grad School Tour* is a series of half-day fairs for prospective graduate students interested in master's or Ph.D. programs. The fair is an opportunity for you to learn more about what graduate study entails and to explore the myriad of programs and fields of studies.

The *QS World MBA Tour* offers prospective students the opportunity to meet admissions officers of international and national top-tier universities at a multitude of venues across the globe.

The **Mortar Board VIP Pass** offers you immense benefits: complimentary entry to both the World MBA Tour and World Grad School Tour, the opportunity to win \$1.6m worth of exclusive scholarships, meet prestigious national and international business school admissions officers, attend GMAT seminars, and participate in sample MBA classes.



So, why not jumpstart your career and gain a competitive advantage?
Join us at the QS World MBA and World Grad School Tour 2009 this fall!

To learn more, please visit topmba.com or topgradschools.com.

Record number of alumni running for positions on the Mortar Board National Council

This year, 16 Mortar Board alumni are vying for four positions on the Mortar Board National Council: president-elect, vice president, secretary-treasurer and alumni representative. Each of these outstanding members has wonderful skills that would benefit Mortar Board nationally. A formal election will be held at the Mortar Board National Conference, July 24-26, in Chicago. At this time, voting delegates representing Mortar Board's collegiate chapters will vote to elect the 2009-2011 National Council. Detailed biographies for these members are available in the National Conference Guide to Governance.

The candidates are:

President-elect

- Susan Herndon Caples (The University of Alabama, Initiated in 2006-honorary)
- Andrew Jones (Butler University, Initiated in 2007)

Vice president

- Abigail Diehl (The Pennsylvania State University, Initiated in 1995)
- Laure Skiffington O'Neal (Texas Wesleyan University, Initiated in 1991)
- Sarah J. Tomlinson (The Pennsylvania State University, Initiated in 2003)

Secretary-treasurer

- Lester Chan (Northwestern University, Initiated in 2008)
- Angela Schrader (University of Wyoming, Initiated in 1998)

Alumni representative

- Brian Bock (Valparaiso University, Initiated in 2004)
- Matthew Bombard (Central Michigan University, Initiated in 2007)
- Ryan Corry (Chapman University, Initiated in 2007)
- Shaan-Chirag Gandhi (Case Western Reserve University, Initiated in 2005)
- Bridget Williams Golden (Purdue University, Initiated in 1997)

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- Nathalie Jarufe (Oklahoma Baptist University, Initiated in 2007)
- Prabin Kanel (The University of Nebraska - Kearney, Initiated in 2001)
- Laure Skiffington O'Neal (Texas Wesleyan University, Initiated in 1991)
- Bradley Poronsky (The University of Texas at Austin, Initiated in 2005)
- Sarah J. Tomlinson (The Pennsylvania State University, Initiated in 2003)
- Samantha Tyler (Endicott College, Initiated in 2007)

The current Mortar Board National Council consists of:

- Sally Steadman - president
- Daniel J. Turner - president-elect
- Abigail Diehl - vice president
- Susan Herndon Caples - secretary-treasurer
- Jane Beyer - alumni representative
- Bridget Williams Golden - alumni representative
- Joseph Rodriguez - student representative
- Katie Schirmer - student representative