



# Mortar Board

*Scholars...Chosen for Leadership...United to Serve*

## ALUMNI NEWS

### ***Megan Stevens named interim executive director of Mortar Board***

Megan Stevens has been named interim executive director of Mortar Board following the April departure of the organization's former executive director, Jon Cook.

The Mortar Board National Council and National Foundation tapped Megan Stevens, an incredibly qualified higher education professional and Mortar Board employee, to serve as interim executive director. Stevens obtained both her B.A. (2004, history) and M.A. (2006, higher education and student affairs) from The Ohio State University. She has been employed at the Mortar Board National Office in Columbus, Ohio as Assistant Executive Director for Chapter Development since 2006. In her role as interim executive director, Stevens will manage the financial and development aspects of Mortar Board while maintaining her previous responsibilities.

Stevens is pleased to serve the society in this role, explaining, "This organization requires visionary leadership and a strong commitment to our ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. I am pleased to lead the society and remain confident that we will be able to find a candidate uniquely qualified to serve as the next executive director of Mortar Board following my temporary tenure. We see this process as an opportunity to recruit a leader who will both support and advance the society while maintaining our commitment to serve our collegiate and alumni members."

A committee formed by the Mortar Board National Council and National Foundation has launched an extensive search to find an ideal executive director. National President Sally Steadman, who is currently serving as a transition liaison for the committee, 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 a condensed position description, have been made available online at [www.mortarboard.org/EDsearch](http://www.mortarboard.org/EDsearch). The search committee anticipates that applications will be accepted this summer and that a potential candidate will start his or her time with Mortar Board in the fall.

### ***Newest chapter of Mortar Board chartered at University of Minnesota Duluth***

The University of Minnesota Duluth has been selected to host the newest chartered chapter of Mortar Board. After a thorough application process, this comprehensive regional university known for its commitment to excellence and enrichment will be the home of the Tau Delta chapter.

The University of Minnesota Duluth, founded as the Normal School at Duluth in 1895, offers 78 majors to just under 10,000 undergraduate students annually. The university consistently ranks among the top midwestern regional universities in the list of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report.

In order to have the privilege of obtaining a Mortar Board charter, an institution must be accredited, grant baccalaureate degrees, have support of the university administration, host official visits by a national representative of Mortar Board, and be voted upon favorably by the organization's board of directors, the National Council. The group should also serve as an active honor society that continues to make significant contributions to college and community life.

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#### **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](http://www.mortarboard.org/forms/alumni_update.php) or by sending an e-mail to [mbforum@mortarboard.org](mailto:mbforum@mortarboard.org).

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After a visit from a national representative of Mortar Board and unanimous approval by the National Council, the chapter was installed as Mortar Board's 227th on April 23 by national President-Elect Daniel J. Turner. At this time, 22 collegiate members and two honorary members, Department of Economics Head Dr. A. Maureen O'Brien and Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin, were initiated into the society.

The chapter has already devoted itself to the national literacy project, "Reading is Leading," by making plans to volunteer with America Reads, a national grassroots campaign challenging every American to help all children to learn to read. The Tau Delta chapter has selected an individual motto of "Honor, Service, and Leadership," which they plan to uphold with numerous projects and initiatives as a part of Mortar Board.

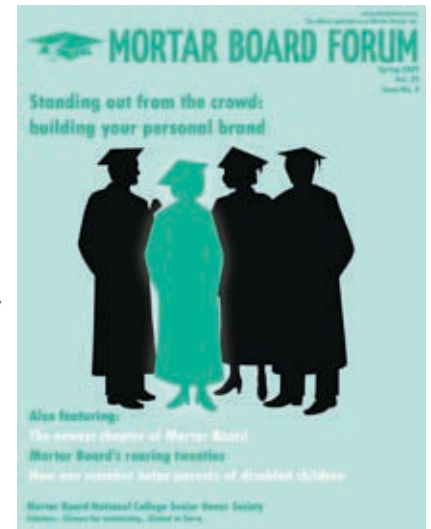
"With its dedication to excellence and enrichment, I feel that the University of Minnesota Duluth is a great fit for a new Mortar Board chapter," Turner explained. "The Tau Delta chapter has already committed to promoting literacy as a part of Mortar Board's national literacy initiative, 'Reading is Leading' by volunteering with America Reads. I am certain the chosen members will exemplify the national ideals of scholarship, leadership and service, making Mortar Board a highly sought-after recognition for students."

## ***Mortar Board Forum magazine to arrive in homes this month***

The Mortar Board Forum magazine will arrive in the homes of subscribers, donors and alumni sustaining members later this month. Here are a few of this edition's highlights:

- **Standing out from the crowd: building your personal brand** - Discover how to use personal branding so that you stand out from the crowd, whether searching for a job or climbing the corporate ladder.
- **Member provides assistance for parents of disabled children** - Learn the story behind Mortar Board member Dr. Barbara Holdcroft's book, "I'm Katie's Mom: Pointers for Professionals and Parents of the Disabled."
- **Mortar Board's roaring twenties** - Mortar Board celebrates its 91st anniversary with a look back at the society's founding roots in the second part of this historical series.
- **Chapter updates** - Find out what is going on at your alma mater with updates from dozens of Mortar Board chapters across the nation.

Not a Mortar Board Forum subscriber? The magazine will be posted online later this month for all members to read. To receive an e-mail notification when the electronic edition becomes available, please update your e-newsletter subscription preferences.



## ***Commemorate membership this month by wearing your pin***

As graduation ceremonies are being held across the nation, nearly 6,000 Mortar Board members will become Mortar Board alumni. To honor these members and celebrate your time in the society, the National Office encourages you to wear your pin beginning now through the last graduation ceremony, held mid-June.

Can't find your official membership pin? You can order a new one online, by phone or by mail. More details are available at [www.mortarboard.org/merch](http://www.mortarboard.org/merch).



## ***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](mailto:history@mortarboard.org) as they prepare for the publication of Mortar Board's centennial history book. Learn more at [www.mortarboard.org/history](http://www.mortarboard.org/history).