



Mortar Board

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

ALUMNI NEWS

Chapters honored at 2008 Mortar Board National Conference

Each year, Mortar Board honors outstanding chapters with a number of awards at the annual national conference:

- **Silver Torch Award** - Awarded to chapters meeting chapter minimum standards
- **Golden Torch Award** - Awarded to chapters meeting all the requirements for the Silver Torch Award who excel beyond the minimum, exemplifying scholarship, leadership and service.
- **Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award** - This highest possible chapter achievement is awarded based on chapter operations, participation, selections, advising, visibility and communications.
- **Most Improved Chapter Award** - This award recognizes chapter success during the year while re-establishing and re-invigorating programming and membership.
- **Project Excellence Awards** - Chapters or sections with excellent events exhibiting Mortar Board's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service are honored.
- **Web site awards** - Outstanding Web sites are recognized based on overall appearance, clarity and correctness of information, use of graphics and the quality of information.

To see if your alma mater was honored with an award at the 2008 Mortar Board National Conference, please check the list at www.mortarboard.org/conference.

Learn more about national awards at www.mortarboard.org/chapter/award.html
View a list of all the 2007-2008 recipients at www.mortarboard.org/conference

Help low-income children learn to read by participating in the Mortar Board Virtual Book Drive

Since 1985, members of Mortar Board have worked toward a national project in order to make a difference in campuses and communities around the country. Reading is Leading has been our permanent national project since 2002, with chapters working tirelessly since then to promote literacy in a variety of ways.

Nationally, Mortar Board is excited to announce the Virtual Book Drive, held in conjunction with First Book as a way for our chapters, alumni and supporters to unite nationally while working toward a common goal – to give children across the country access to books. With a donation of just \$2 you can provide a child with their first book, and contribute to the national goal of raising \$30,000. Please note that the Virtual Book Drive, held at www.firstbook.org/mortarboard, will end on October 15, 2008.

Why does literacy matter?

Illiteracy is linked to nearly every major socioeconomic crisis today. Children who cannot read are statistically more likely as adults to suffer poor health, struggle in the job market, rely on government assistance, and find themselves in the criminal justice system.

- More than 85 percent of all youth in the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate;
- In several states, third-grade literacy rates are used to project prison capacity needs;
- Healthcare costs for people with low literacy are statistically four times higher

WHAT DOES
MORTAR BOARD
MEAN TO YOU?



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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 or by sending an e-mail to mbforum@mortarboard.org.

Find an alumni chapter
or

Start a new alumni chapter
at www.mortarboard.org/alumni



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than for the general population.

Please help to uphold the Mortar Board ideals of scholarship, leadership and service by making a difference today through First Book! Detailed information can be found in the Virtual Book Drive packet, available at www.mortarboard.org/publications/conference/FirstBookVirtualBookDrive.pdf.

Ways to donate

- **Online at www.firstbook.org/mortarboard** - Simply fill out an easy online form by October 15, select the amount you would like to donate and credit either your collegiate chapter or a nearby chapter with the donation.
- **Check or money order** - Complete an online donation form by October 15 and mail your donation to First Book, Campus Advisory Boards, 1319 F Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC, 20004. To ensure proper credit of donations, please indicate your desired collegiate chapter and location.

Mortar Board historical book in research stages

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.

Mortar Board alumni spotlight

Nancy Rogers

The University of Kansas, Initiated in 1968

2008 Mortar Board Alumni Achievement Award recipient

Nancy Rogers graduated from The University of Kansas with a B.A. with highest distinction in 1969 and in 1972 obtained a J.D. from Yale Law School. She has since spent more than 30 years of teaching at The Ohio State University, rising to the top with a number of leadership and senior administrative positions, including vice-provost for the entire university. Nancy temporarily stepped down from her current position as dean of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law to serve as the interim Ohio attorney general for a period of approximately six months. After the 2008 election, she will return to a faculty position at the university.

With dozens of articles, books, chapters and book supplements to her name, Nancy has certainly left her mark on the legal world. For these amazing contributions throughout her distinguished career, Rogers has received numerous awards, honors and recognitions. Among her countless awards are those in the field of law, such as the Ohio State Bar Association's highest honor – the Ohio Bar Medal (2008) and the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution's D'Alemberte Raven Award (2002) and honors for service, such as the recent Columbus YWCA Women of Achievement Award (2008) and the Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students Distinguished Service Award (2004).

Nancy's commitment to Mortar Board's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service shines brightly with her ongoing devotion to academia and public service, being nominated by the Greater Columbus Mortar Board Alumni Chapter as the "epitome of achievement." The group went on to state that "She is living the commitment to scholarship through her teaching, writing and extensive work to diversify the composition of the student body in the college of law to better fit the needs of our society."

Each year at the Mortar Board National Conference, alumni members are honored with either the Alumni Achievement Award or the Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award. Nominations are accepted through March 15 of the award year. To nominate yourself or another alumna/alumnus to be honored in 2009, please visit www.mortarboard.org/alumni.

