



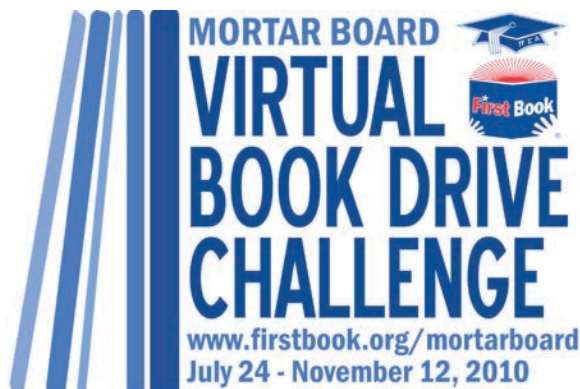
COLLEGIATE NEWS

Support “Reading is Leading” by participating in the Virtual Book Drive

For the third year, Mortar Board has launched the Virtual Book Drive held in conjunction with First Book. With the Virtual Book Drive, chapters, alumni and supporters can unite nationally while working toward a common goal consistent with the “Reading is Leading” national project - to give children across the country access to books.

This virtual drive is easily accessible, allowing anyone to donate funds online. Many chapters hold fundraisers or campuswide events, while others simply share the donation link as a way to widely promote literacy. A donation of just \$2 can provide a child with his or her first book, and contribute to the national goal of raising \$30,000.

Donations will allow a worthy program selected by each chapter to purchase books online in the First Book Marketplace. Even if your chapter is not planning a large event, share the link (www.firstbook.org/mortarboard) with your friends and family to ensure that children across the nation are given the opportunity to read.



Mortar Board's partnerships give members amazing benefits

In exchange for a national presence among our members, corporate partnerships allow Mortar Board to build stronger chapters in a variety of ways. The financial support from these partners provides outstanding benefits to our members. Specifically, the generous support:

- Helps to award fellowships to members pursuing postgraduate degrees
- Assists with funding to keep the annual conference affordable for chapters
- Provides enhanced services to members through discounted programs and services
- Helps to raise the national profile of the Society, by allowing partners to share their commitment to Mortar Board with their peers, customers and investors

The Mortar Board National Foundation carefully selects corporate partners that are committed to the ideals of the society and offer a lasting, quality product for Mortar Board members.

The Mortar Board National Foundation thanks its partners who have provided funds for fellowships that exclusively benefit Mortar Board members. Without these partners, Mortar Board would not be able to provide such robust benefits and services to its members.

Corporate partners

- **GEICO** - Save up to 8 percent on auto insurance with GEICO just for being a Mortar Board member. GEICO sponsors programs including the Mortar Board National Conference and a \$5,000 postgraduate fellowship.
- **GradGuard by Next Generation Insurance** - Whatever your healthcare or tuition insurance needs, before or after graduation, GradGuard has a solution for you.
- **KODA** - This revolutionary online community for employers and young professionals offers a way to explore job opportunities more productively.
- **JobTarget** - Take a visit to the Mortar Board Career Center by JobTarget and prowl thousands of job postings.

Connect with Mortar Board



Have you graduated?

Update your e-newsletter subscription preferences to receive Alumni News rather than Collegiate News.

KODA - a unique job-search network for young professionals

You can explore job opportunities in a better way on KODA, the online community for employers and young professionals. KODA showcases companies like New York Life, Yelp, GEICO, Agilent and IDEO. Recruiters from these employers are trying to hire Mortar Board members: they're scouring the KODA community for possible recruits, so create a profile and connect with them.

Find out what these companies are like and understand your career options - they're more diverse than you think. You'll have the added advantage of featuring your affiliation with Mortar Board on your profile, which helps you stand out to employers who are actively searching for recruits in the KODA community.

Sign up now at
<http://koda.us/mortarboard>

Need a scholarship? Search now.

Mortar Board members are given access to a scholarship search engine, hosted by FastWeb. There, members have access to more than a million scholarships with more than \$3 billion in awards. **Browse the search engine now.**

- **Bank of America** - Get a competitive interest rate credit card and the ability to earn perks with the Platinum Plus® card and WorldPoints® Rewards, all while supporting the Mortar Board National Foundation.
- **Church Hill Classics** - Mortar Board works with Church Hill Classics to provide beautiful, high-quality certificate frames and recognition pieces for our members.



Nonprofit partners

- **Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)** - Mortar Board is a certified member of ACHS, a visibly cohesive community of national and international honor societies.
- **First Book** - Mortar Board works with First Book to provide low-cost books to children in need as a part of our annual Virtual Book Drive.

Additional opportunities

- All members and their families are eligible for **Kaplan test preparation discounts** (15 percent off using promotion code "MORTAR" all GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, SAT, ACT, PSAT classroom and online courses).
- Sign in to the **Mortar Board scholarship search engine** for access to scholarship awards worth more than \$3 billion
- Mortar Board members get an automatic \$500 sponsorship when they are accepted into **RealAcad**, a top-level venture management program.
- **The Washington Center** internship program awards \$1,000 housing scholarships to selected Mortar Board members.
- All Mortar Board members are eligible to receive a \$500 merit-based scholarship to the Washington Internship Institute (WII).
- **The Fund for American Studies** will award one Mortar Board member a merit-based \$1,000 scholarship for a TFAS Summer Institute or Capital Semester.
- The opportunity to apply for a yearlong, paid fellowship with **City Hall Fellows**, a nonpartisan nonprofit program that empowers America's best and brightest to drive social change at the local level.
- Save on books from **Barnes & Noble** at www.bn.com/benefit
- The opportunity to apply for the **NIH-Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program**, a fully-funded Ph.D. program in biomedical research
- A complimentary VIP pass to The QS World MBA Tour and The QS World Grad School Tour
- **Brazen Careerist** gives you access to free career webinars, and helpful blog posts from real-life professionals
- You get the possibility of an instant pay increase for federal government jobs; as long as the applicant meets the requirements as described in the job announcement, honor society membership may fulfill one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level (instead of entry, GS-5 level)

Connect with other Mortar Board members

Whether you are interested in building professional connections, staying updated on Mortar Board news, or making new Mortar Board friends, Mortar Board offers a networking solution.

Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/MortarBoard>

Millions of people use Facebook each day to keep in touch with friends, upload photos, share links and videos, and learn more about the people they meet. On Facebook, you can like Mortar Board or join the national Mortar Board group.

LinkedIn

<http://www.mortarboard.org/LinkedIn>

LinkedIn is an online network of more than 30 million experienced professionals from around the world, representing 150 industries. Network with other Mortar Board members in numerous career fields by joining the Mortar Board group.

MySpace

<http://groups.myspace.com/NationalMortarBoard>

Friends, family, classmates, professionals, acquaintances and more connect in the MySpace online community. Get to know other Mortar Board members or simply show your pride by joining the national Mortar Board group.

Twitter

<http://twitter.com/MortarBoard>

On Twitter, members have the opportunity to subscribe to Mortar Board's updates in a variety of manners including via the Web site, RSS feeds, e-mail, SMS text messages and more. These updates feature news about national Mortar Board, remind members of upcoming opportunities and offer special bulletins on merchandise sales and more.