



Mortar Board

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

COLLEGIATE NEWS

Furthering your education? The Mortar Board fellowship deadline is January 31.

Each year, the Mortar Board National Foundation awards fellowships to members to assist in financing their postgraduate education. Thousands of dollars will be available for Mortar Board fellowships for the 2010-2011 academic year, with applications due on or before January 31, 2010.

Recipients are chosen for academic excellence, recommendation, promise, financial need and Mortar Board involvement. Since the establishment of the Mortar Board fellowship program in 1941, more than \$500,000 has been awarded to members pursuing further study in graduate or professional school.

Apply Now - <http://www.mortarboard.org/forms/fellowship.php>
Learn More - <http://www.mortarboard.org/opp/fellowships.html>

Spread cheer with community service

Many selfless Mortar Board members and chapters choose to spend their spare time during winter break giving back to their communities. If you have some time to share, consider these ideas for either individual or group service:

- Volunteer at a local soup kitchen, food pantry or homeless shelter
- Do you knit or sew? Put your favorite hobby to good use by making blankets, scarves or hats to donate to a domestic abuse or homeless shelter.
- Work with a group of friends or organizations such as your Mortar Board chapter to "adopt a family" in need
- Consider purchasing "gifts that give back" to charitable causes for friends and loved ones.
- Love animals? Spend some time walking or playing with pets at local animal shelters.
- Pick up an extra toy or two the next time you are at the mall. Simple gifts like a puzzle, coloring book, board game, doll or truck can help make a needy child's holiday special. These can be donated to numerous organizations such as Toys for Tots or the Salvation Army.
- Support Mortar Board's national project, "Reading is Leading," by reading with children at a local library or elementary school.
- Spend a little time ringing a bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign. Learn more or sign up at www.ringbells.org.

Jane Hamblin named executive director

National President Daniel J. Turner announced that Mortar Board has named Jane Hamblin to lead the Society as its third executive director.

Dan praised the work of the Executive Director Search Committee in securing a candidate with the right expertise for the position. He explained, "Jane has a rich understanding of higher education, nonprofit organizations, fundraising, team-building and Mortar Board. The National Council has the utmost confidence in her ability to provide leadership for Mortar Board and help us move to the next level."

Jane brings both higher education administration and nonprofit association experience to her role as Mortar Board's executive director. Her specialties include leadership program development, membership cultivation and service delivery, and development. Jane hails from Indiana, and



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Find your job with Mortar Board

In conjunction with JobTarget, Mortar Board has launched the Mortar Board Career Center, a search engine for all members, both collegiate and alumni. Mortar Board members are able to search for a variety of jobs, both nationally and locally. National employers will have the ability to post positions and exclusively recruit Mortar Board members. Anonymous résumés can be posted and easily searched and seen by potential employers. Start searching today at www.mortarboard.org.

Give the gift of Mortar Board merchandise this holiday season

Don't forget to top off your holiday shopping with a trip to Mortar Board's online merchandise store. Grab Mortar Board trinkets for fellow members, advisors, alumni and friends.

www.mortarboard.org/merch

holds a B.S. from Purdue University (where she was a Mortar Board member) and a J.D. from Indiana University. She has complemented her background in student affairs and leadership program development with experience in writing, editing and publishing. Purdue University, Indiana University, the University of Maryland Baltimore County and Trinity Washington University are the higher education institutions where she has honed her expertise.

Jane brings to her new role a mix of practical experience in and joyful enthusiasm for Mortar Board. Jane fondly reminisces about her selection to the Society, something she only dreamed could happen. Tapped at her sorority house (she is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi) by three confident Mortar Board members, Jane remembers a blurry rush of applause, hugs and the feeling she was floating on air. "Only when I joined my new Mortar Board friends at a reception on campus late that evening, did reality set in," Jane happily recalled. "Being in Mortar Board, however, continued to be a dream!"

Her love for Mortar Board did not stop there. Jane served as the senior advisor of the Barbara Cook chapter of Mortar Board at Purdue for 17 years and now joins the staff to lead the renowned Society as it marches toward its centennial. "Many years ago I used to tell people that being the executive director of Mortar Board was the perfect job," laughs Jane. "Now I get the chance to prove that it's true. Working with leaders whose intellect and passion know no limits – it's perfect!"

Search Committee Chair Jane Beyer explained, "We were fortunate to have a significant number of very qualified individuals express interest in the Mortar Board executive director opportunity. As we moved through the search process, however, Jane Hamblin's qualifications enabled her to emerge quickly to the forefront."

Jane has been on the staff of the Council of Graduate Schools and the American Association for Higher Education, where she developed systems for growing members and donors. At the American Dental Education Association, Jane led the team that managed conferences, membership operations, member services, media, marketing and publications. As "friendraiser-in-chief" for the Starke County Community Foundation, she further enhanced her skills in endowment building and grant making.

She is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and holds its coveted Certified Association Executive distinction. She is also a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Her leadership bywords are, "People help support what they help create."

Learn more about Jane in the upcoming edition of the *Mortar Board Forum*, set to arrive in homes in early December.

Mortar Board Forum magazine coming soon

The Mortar Board Forum magazine will be arriving in homes soon. For collegiate members, the magazine has been shipped to the permanent address each chapter submitted for individual members as a part of the Official Membership Report (OMR).

Be sure to browse through the magazine to see what chapters are doing throughout the country, learn about Mortar Board's rich history, get to know the new chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University and more.

The electronic edition will be posted at <http://www.mortarboard.org/publications/Forum.html> when it becomes available.



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.

Don't go without health insurance

Your success depends on staying healthy while in school. Protect your future with the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society student insurance plan, provided by UnitedHealthcare StudentResources. Enroll online at www.uhcsr.com/mortarboard.

Unique value-added benefits not found in most individual plans are included at no additional cost:

- **Scholastic Emergency Services:** Available to students traveling 100 miles or more away from home or campus, global medical assistance is just a phone call away.
- **Collegiate Assistance Program:** Talk to a registered nurse or student assistance specialist any time, day or night. Questions about healthcare, or legal, financial and emotional support is included with your policy.
- **UnitedHealth Allies:** Nationwide discount program with point of service savings on dental, vision, prescription drugs, health and wellness products and services.

Review the plan's details at www.uhcsr.com/mortarboard or call 1-800-505-5450.