



COLLEGIATE NEWS

Graduation doesn't mean the end of membership

The academic year is coming to a close, along with the undergraduate experience for many collegiate members. However, all initiates are considered members for a lifetime, and are welcome to become involved at a variety of levels. Large or small, there are many ways to stay a part of Mortar Board.

- Update your address every time you move to stay informed about Mortar Board for years to come.
- Lend a hand to a collegiate chapter by becoming an advisor or assisting with chapter projects and events.
- Start networking by joining the Career & Graduate School Network, where you can be put in touch with other Mortar Board members in your geographic region, career or field of study.
- Continue your involvement by joining an existing alumni chapter. To find out if there is one near you, check the list at www.mortarboard.org/alumni/map.html.
- No alumni chapter near you? With close to 200,000 alumni living in cities all across the world, it is easy to get in touch with members near you to start a new alumni chapter. Inquire with the National Office for more information.

To let the National Office know if you are interested in these types of involvement or others, simply fill out the easy online form at www.mortarboard.org/forms/alumni_update.php.

Alumni sustaining membership: giving back

Becoming an alumni sustaining member is a great way to give back to Mortar Board after your active membership. With dues of just \$25 annually or \$300 lifetime for a recent graduate, it is an easy way to support national initiatives, help fund projects, expand leadership opportunities and provide fellowship grants. Twenty percent of your membership dues will go straight to the chapter of your choice.

Those who become a part of the Alumni Sustaining Program will be listed in the annual report, featured in the spring edition of the Mortar Board Forum. If you are interested in contributing to Mortar Board's future, sign up today at www.mortarboard.org/forms/alumni.php

Don't forget about your lifelong benefits!

All Mortar Board members are eligible to take advantage of Mortar Board's benefits throughout their lifetime of membership. Frequently check the Web site to see new and exciting benefits as they become available.

Mortar Board welcomes 226th chapter

On April 27, Mortar Board's newest chapter was installed at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. The group, which initiated 24 members, is Mortar Board's 226th chartered chapter nationally.

Mortar Board Executive Director Jon Cook presided over the installation ceremony. "With its history of excellence and commitment to integrity, I feel Lenoir-Rhyne College is a great fit for a new Mortar Board chapter," Cook explained. "The Arktos chapter has already committed to promoting literacy as a part of the national Mortar Board Reading is Leading initiative, and plans to volunteer with the local humane society. I am certain the members will exemplify the national ideals of scholarship, leadership and service, making Mortar Board a highly sought-after recognition for students."

Each chapter required to send a delegate to the annual Mortar Board National Conference

Every active chapter of Mortar Board is required to send an official delegate, typically the new chapter president, to the annual national conference. To find out whether or not your chapter has registered, please check this list. Additional chapter members are welcome to attend for a nominal registration fee.

This year's Mortar Board National Conference will be held July 25-27 in Columbus, Ohio at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. The conference will feature many opportunities to share new ideas, learn about Mortar Board, and network with chapters from across the country.

The official delegate should register at www.mortarboard.org/conference by May 15. This delegate's travel, accommodations and meals are completely funded by Mortar Board. Collegiate members and advisors for the 2008-2009 academic year are encouraged to attend for a registration fee of \$225, in addition to their travel costs.

Search for a scholarship

Mortar Board's specialized scholarship search engine, hosted by Scholarship Monkey, gives members access to more than a million scholarships with more than \$3 billion in awards. Browse the search engine now at www.mortarboard.org.

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 resumes can be posted and easily searched and seen by potential employers. Start searching today at www.mortarboard.org.



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