



Mortar Board

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

COLLEGIATE NEWS

Welcome to the first issue of Mortar Board Collegiate News - a monthly publication distributed to all Mortar Board members

Being chosen as a part of the Mortar Board national honor society is not only an honor, but a lifetime commitment to uphold the ideals of the society: scholarship, leadership and service. We hope your experience in Mortar Board will be truly enjoyable this year.

Membership certainly has benefits

Beyond the satisfaction of service to the academic and surrounding community, there are some valuable, tangible benefits to being a member of Mortar Board, ranging from academic recognition to discounts and services from Mortar Board's partners.

Networking

Members are given several unique opportunities to network with collegiate and alumni members in your geographic location, career area or graduate field of study across the globe as a part of Mortar Board's Career & Graduate School Network. Questions about Mortar Board or want to know what other members are doing in their chapters? Don't forget to visit the discussion boards, Facebook or MySpace to get the inside scoop.



Scholarships and graduate fellowships available

Mortar Board members furthering their education beyond undergraduate study are eligible to apply for thousands of dollars in esteemed national Mortar Board fellowships, available only to alumni of Mortar Board.

All members are given access to the Mortar Board scholarship finder, a search engine with quick access to more than a million scholarships with more than \$3 billion in awards.

Discounts and services from our partners

Mortar Board works with a variety of partners to bring exclusive special offers and discounts to our members. More importantly, these partnerships provide for scholarships and additional support of the honor society's mission and programs.

Partnerships include:

- Bank of America credit cards
- GEICO auto insurance program
- Student Trust loan consolidation
- UnitedHealthcare student insurance
- Washington, D.C. internship programs
- Mortar Board extras program



Career assistance

In addition to Mortar Board's Career & Graduate School Network, Mortar Board will be launching a national job search engine exclusively for our members this year. All members applying for jobs with the federal government receive employment entrance at the GS-7 ranking, which can mean an instant pay increase for certain jobs.

Leadership opportunities

Get involved with Mortar Board at the national level as a:

- Committee member
- Section coordinator
- National Council member
- Or attend the Mortar Board National Conference



Sign up to receive all of Mortar Board's e-newsletters!

Mortar Board distributes several e-newsletters to members throughout the year, including news for collegiate members, alumni members, merchandise specials, information for potential members and more.

Defining Mortar Board

"Other honor societies often list service as being important to them, but none of them place as much emphasis on both group and individual service in the lives of their members as does Mortar Board. It is this factor that leads me to consider the members of Mortar Board to exemplify both outstanding scholarship and outstanding character. These are the kind of people I hope to see become leaders in our society. It is for these reasons that I chose to associate myself with Mortar Board."

Cydne Wright
University of Utah
Class of 2007



September is National Literacy Month

Mortar Board fully supports literacy efforts through an ongoing national initiative - Reading is Leading. Chapters across the nation have developed their own local programs to promote this effort. As September is National Literacy Month, Mortar Board challenges each and every member to make an additional effort to help promote literacy this month. Read to a child, donate a book to charity or maybe throw the biggest read-in party on your block - all in the name of literacy this month!

Congratulations to our national fellowship winners for the 2007-2008 year

James Blakemore

Fellowship: Washington State University classes of 1945-1950 Fellowship (\$2,000)
Undergraduate university: Wichita State University (Initiated 2004)
Post-graduate university: Yale University, Department of Chemistry

Brittany Cvetanovich

Fellowship: Ruth Weimer Mount Fellowship (\$2,500)
Undergraduate university: Michigan State University (Initiated 2005)
Post-graduate university: Harvard Law School

Erin Frazee

Fellowship: Zelma Patchen Fellowship (\$2,000)
Undergraduate university: Drake University (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: Drake University, Pharmacy

Rachel Frederick

Fellowship: Mary Elizabeth Ramier Fellowship (\$2,000)
Undergraduate university: Texas Tech University (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: Texas Tech University HSC School of Medicine

Jenna Gross

Fellowship: Katherine Wills Coleman Fellowship (\$2,000)
Undergraduate university: Butler University (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: Indiana University School of Medicine

James Lamberg

Fellowship: Ruth Pierle Trosset Fellowship (\$2,000)
Undergraduate university: University of Minnesota (Initiated 2005)
Post-graduate university: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Rein Lambrecht

Fellowship: Mortar Board Fellowship (\$3,000)
Undergraduate university: Case Western Reserve University (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: Ohio State University School of Medicine

Leslie Lang

Fellowship: Ellen North Dunlap Fellowship (\$3,000)
Undergraduate university: University of California at Berkeley (Initiated 2005)
Post-graduate university: Harvard Law School

Lynn Rombi

Fellowship: Barbara Cook Fellowship (\$2,000)
Undergraduate university: University of San Diego (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: University of San Francisco

Emily Sala

Fellowship: Mortar Board Fellowship (\$3,000)
Undergraduate university: University of Mary Washington (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: American University Washington College of Law

Lori Scardino

Fellowship: GEICO Fellowship (\$5,000)
Undergraduate university: University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: University of Wisconsin - Madison

Samantha Spilka

Fellowship: Mortar Board Diane Selby Fellowship (\$5,000)
Undergraduate university: San Diego State University (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: Columbia University, Teachers College

Anne-Kathrin Witt

Fellowship: Student Trust Fellowship (\$5,000)
Undergraduate university: Wesleyan College (Initiated 2006)
Post-graduate university: International Max Planck Research Institute for Molecular and Cellular Life Sciences (Ludwig Maximilians University)

The above represents \$38,500 in fellowships - the largest total ever distributed to Mortar Board members. Recipients are chosen based on 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 assist members in pursuing further study in graduate or professional school. Don't forget to fill out your application by January 31, 2008.