

# Mortar Board

National College Senior Honor Society

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## **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MORTAR BOARD CHAPTER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARDS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Mabel G. Freeman chapter at The Ohio State University was among the outstanding chapters to be honored for their excellence at the 2009 Mortar Board National Conference, held July 24-26 in Chicago.

The group was one of just 32 chapters to take home the Golden Torch Award, presented to outstanding chapters that are superb, timely and go above and beyond the minimum standards throughout the academic year. Only a select amount of Golden Torch Award nominees are chosen to receive the award based on their devotion to Mortar Board's three key ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

Additionally, the chapter was among 28 groups to receive a Project Excellence Award, granted by a selection committee to chapters with notable projects in the areas of: scholarship, leadership, fundraising, service, the national "Reading is Leading" literacy initiative, alumni involvement, or Mortar Board Week. The chapter was recognized with two Project Excellence Awards for its projects, an alumni career panel held during Mortar Board Week and Guitar Hero World Tour at OSU event.

Incoming Chapter President Matthew Hansen, outgoing Chapter President and Mortar Board Intern Laura Bockbrader, and Advisor Julie Graber were present to accept the chapter's awards.

Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Since its founding in 1918, the organization has grown from the four founding chapters to 227 chartered collegiate chapters with nearly a quarter of a million initiated members across the nation. The Mabel G. Freeman chapter at The Ohio State University was chartered in 1918 and currently has 49 members.

Mortar Board provides opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community. Some notable Mortar Board members include former President Jimmy Carter, distinguished politician Condoleezza Rice and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Learn more about Mortar Board at [www.mortarboard.org](http://www.mortarboard.org).

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A photo is available at <http://www.mortarboard.org/news/pressreleases/2009/photos/OhioState.JPG>. Caption: The Ohio State University Mortar Board Chapter President Matthew Hensen displays the chapter's two Project Excellence Awards at the 2009 Mortar Board National Conference, held in Chicago.