

Mortar Board

National College Senior Honor Society

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MORTAR BOARD AWARDS \$40,000 IN NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mortar Board National Foundation Chair Sally Steadman, Ph.D., announced that \$40,000 has been awarded to 10 outstanding members who plan to further their graduate education during the 2011-2012 academic year. Congratulating this year's Mortar Board fellows, Dr. Steadman remarked, "The Mortar Board National Foundation is honored to recognize these remarkable scholar-leaders and to support them in achieving their future academic and professional goals. This exceptional group truly exemplifies Mortar Board's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service."

Every year, the Mortar Board National Foundation awards fellowships to assist members in financing their graduate studies. Since the establishment of the fellowship program in 1941, more than \$600,000 has been awarded to help members pursue graduate or professional school. Annually, members are chosen to receive these competitive fellowships based on a demonstrated record of academic excellence, strong recommendation, scholarly promise, financial need and Mortar Board involvement.

Erina Aoyama

Fellowship: Mortar Board GEICO Fellowship (\$5,000)

Undergraduate: University of Washington

Initiation year: 2008

Graduate: Sciences Po, Paris School of International Affairs

Degree sought/field: M.A., international affairs and international communication

Courtney Meyer

Fellowship: Mortar Board Diane Selby Fellowship (\$5,000)

Undergraduate: Albion College

Initiation year: 2010

Graduate: School of Oriental and African Studies (London)

Degree sought/field: M.Sc., development studies

Loomee Doo

Fellowship: Mortar Board Ramier-Coleman Fellowship (\$3,000)

Undergraduate: University of Southern California

Initiation year: 2010

Graduate: The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Degree sought/field: M.D.

Stephanie Katherine Olbrych

Fellowship: Mortar Board Ruth Weimer Mount Fellowship (\$3,000)

Undergraduate: Case Western Reserve University

Initiation year: 2009

Additional education: Case Western Reserve University, M.P.H.

Graduate: Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Degree sought/field: M.D.

Kaila Mattson

Fellowship: Mortar Board Fellowship (\$5,000)

Undergraduate: University of South Alabama

Initiation year: 2009

Graduate: University of California, Santa Barbara

Degree sought/field: Ph.D., chemistry

Christine Pao

Fellowship: Mortar Board Zelma Patchin-Washington State Fellowship (\$3,000)

Undergraduate: University of Miami

Initiation year: 2009

Graduate: University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Degree sought/field: M.D., interest in neurology

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Breanna Piper

Fellowship: Mortar Board Jane K. Smith Fellowship
(\$5,000)
Undergraduate: San Diego State University
Initiation year: 2009
Graduate: The University of Pennsylvania Law School
Degree sought/field: J.D., public interest law

Fellowship: Mortar Board Ellen North Dunlap Fellowship
(\$3,000)
Undergraduate: University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Initiation: 2009
Graduate: The George Washington University Law
School
Degree sought/field: J.D., international law

Robert Edward Starr

Fellowship: Mortar Board Fellowship (\$3,000)
Undergraduate: Chapman University
Initiation year: 2009
Graduate: The University of Edinburgh College of
Science and Engineering (Edinburgh, Scotland)
Degree sought/field: M.Sc., high performance computing

Austin Wesevich

Fellowship: Mortar Board Barbara Cook Fellowship
(\$5,000)
Undergraduate: Washington University in St. Louis
Initiation year: 2010
Graduate: Washington University School of Medicine
Degree sought/field: M.D.

Cara Waldo

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing 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 229 chartered collegiate chapters with more than a quarter of a million initiated members across the nation.

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 distinguished politician Condoleezza Rice, Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees and Suzy's Zoo creator Suzy Spafford. Learn more about Mortar Board at www.mortarboard.org.