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LOOME DOO AWARDED NATIONAL MORTAR BOARD FELLOWSHIP

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mortar Board National Foundation Chair Sally Steadman, Ph.D., announced that Loomie Doo is the 2011 recipient of the Mortar Board Ramier-Coleman Fellowship, a \$3,000 award.

Loomie graduated in May from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, earning a B.A. in biological sciences with a minor in musical studies. In the fall, she will attend The Ohio State University College of Medicine to obtain her M.D. Loomie is a 2007 graduate of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School and is the daughter of Justin and Pauline Doo of Rolling Hills Estates, Calif.

Initiated into Mortar Board in 2010, Loomie served as membership chair for the Torch and Tassel chapter. In addition to her Mortar Board involvement, Loomie contributed her leadership skills to other campus and community organizations. Specifically, Loomie played an active role as executive board member and healthsite coordinator for the student-run Community Health Involvement Project, providing free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings at local recreation centers in the Los Angeles area. Loomie also helped found and organize the University of Southern California's first health fair on campus, providing crucial health information to over 300 members of the local community. When asked to describe the impact of these roles on her plans for graduate study, Loomie stated, "I have solidified my dreams to become a community-serving medical doctor and I believe these experiences will help me be a wiser student once I enter medical school in the fall."

Loomie excelled in the classroom as well as in the research laboratory at the University of Southern California, for which she received numerous scholarship and awards, including the prestigious USC Provost Research Fellowship, the Dean Joan Schaefer Research Scholarship, the Trojan League of Los Angeles Scholarship and the Burton Lewis Endowed Scholarship. Additionally, she was named to the USC Wall of Scholars and Phi Beta Kappa.

This year, the Mortar Board National Foundation awarded a total of \$40,000 in fellowships to 10 exceptional Mortar Board members. Fellowship recipients are chosen based on academic excellence, strong recommendation, scholarly promise, financial need and Mortar Board involvement. Since the establishment of the Mortar Board fellowship program in 1941, more than \$600,000 has been awarded to assist members in pursuing further study in graduate or professional school.

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."

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 nearly 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.

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