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KIRSTEN FOX NAMED NATIONAL MORTAR BOARD FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Kirsten Freeman Fox, a 1998 graduate of The Ohio State University, was named recipient of the national Mortar Board Barbara Cook Fellowship, a \$2,000 award.

This year, a total of \$60,000 in fellowships was awarded to 15 Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society members. Fellowship 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, nearly \$600,000 has been awarded to assist members in pursuing further study in graduate or professional school.

Fox was initiated into Mortar Board in 1996 and has continued her involvement in the years since. Specifically, she served as four-year advisor at the University of Maryland and was recently honored at the 2008 Mortar Board National Conference with the Excellence in Advising Award. She holds a Bachelor of Science in family and human development from The Ohio State University, where she also minored in sociology and English. Additionally, she graduated from The University of Vermont with a master's degree in education in 2000. Fox is currently obtaining her Ph.D. in counseling and personnel services from the University of Maryland. A 1993 graduate of Bexley High School, Fox is the daughter of Mabel G. Freeman of Columbus, Ohio and the late Brian A. Freeman.

When asked about her Mortar Board experience, Fox explained, "I most enjoy my sense of connection to the traditions and purpose of the larger national organization. I went to a founding chapter where tradition ran deep. Even though it has been 11 years, I still remember the sociology class at Ohio State where I was tapped. My collegiate experience was special so I gave my all to being secretary. One of my proudest moments was being recognized by the advisors for the Ruth Weimer Mount Scholarship for Outstanding Chapter Member."

"Kirsten has been an exemplary Mortar Board member since her initiation more than a decade ago," Mortar Board Executive Director Jon Cook explained. "Beginning with her collegiate involvement as her chapter's secretary in 1996, Kirsten continued to devote herself to Mortar Board. She served in a national capacity as a student advisor to the 1997 national conference, worked closely with Vermont Mortar Board members while obtaining her master's and recently received national recognition for her advising practices at the University of Maryland. She is a remarkable member and is truly deserving of the Barbara Cook Fellowship."

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 226 chartered collegiate chapters with nearly a quarter of a million initiated members across the nation. The Mabel Freeman chapter at The Ohio State University, named for Fox's mother, was founded in 1918.

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, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Lance Armstrong and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Learn more about Mortar Board at www.mortarboard.org.

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