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LAURA TWILLING NAMED NATIONAL MORTAR BOARD FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

CINCINNATI – Laura Twilling, a recent graduate of The Ohio State University, was named recipient of the national Mortar Board Fellowship, a \$3,000 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.

Twilling was initiated into Mortar Board, a prominent national honor society for college seniors, in 2007. As a member, she planned the chapter's annual attempt to break the world record for largest pillow fight, and helped to set the campus record of 2,500. She graduated from The Ohio State University in the spring of 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in speech and hearing science and psychology. Twilling is currently attending the University of Cincinnati to obtain her Master of Arts degree in speech-language pathology. She is a 2004 graduate of Mother of Mercy High School and the daughter of Tom and Teresa Twilling of Cincinnati.

When asked about her Mortar Board experience, Twilling explained, "The most enjoyable aspect of being involved in Mortar Board is surrounding myself with intelligent, ambitious, and generous individuals. It has been a pleasure meeting so many people with the power and the drive to make a difference, and it has strengthened my own passion to do something great with my future."

In addition to her Mortar Board involvement, Twilling served as president and vice president of programming of her chapter of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

"Laura's unique leadership skills, combined with consistent academic success and philanthropic devotion, made her a prime candidate for a national Mortar Board fellowship," Mortar Board Executive Director Jon Cook explained. "I am thrilled that we can recognize Laura for her undergraduate accomplishments and provide financial support for her future endeavors as a lifetime Mortar Board member."

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 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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