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MAUREEN MORK NAMED NATIONAL MORTAR BOARD FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Maureen Mork, a recent graduate of The Ohio State University, was named recipient of the Ruth Weimer Mount Fellowship, a \$5,000 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.

Mork was initiated into Mortar Board, a prominent national honor society for college seniors, in 2006. She graduated from The Ohio State University in June of 2008 with a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in biology and French with a minor in psychology. While an undergraduate student, Mork studied abroad at L'Institut Catholique de Paris. She is currently attending The University of Michigan to obtain her Master of Science in genetic counseling. Mork, a 2003 graduate of Sandusky High School, is the daughter of Jeff and Karen Mork of Sandusky, Ohio.

When asked about her favorite Mortar Board experience, Mork explained, "My favorite experience in Mortar Board has been my involvement in selections and tapping...it's exciting to be a part of choosing the incoming class, one that will continue to support the ideals of Mortar Board and work to improve upon the previous year."

In addition to Mortar Board, Maureen could often be found volunteering at the Student Wellness Center as an HIV Test Counselor, participating in alternative spring break and volunteering at Camp Heartland, a camp for children affected by HIV/AIDS. She served as treasurer for OSU Students for Camp Heartland, was fundraising chair for Helix/Beta Beta Beta biological sciences honor society, and served on the advisory board for Honors Ambassadors.

"Maureen truly excelled during her two active years of membership," Mortar Board Executive Director Jon Cook explained. "Whether she was volunteering, receiving academic recognitions, performing outstanding research, or serving as a campus leader, she consistently exemplified Mortar Board's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. Mortar Board is honored not only to recognize Maureen for her outstanding accomplishments, but to support her future endeavors."

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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