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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S MORTAR BOARD CHAPTER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARDS

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Mabel Freeman chapter at The Ohio State University was among the outstanding chapters to be honored for their excellence at the 2008 Mortar Board National Conference, held July 25-27 in Columbus, Ohio.

The group was one of 27 chapters to take home the Golden Torch Award, presented to outstanding chapters that are superb, timely and go above and beyond throughout the academic year. Golden Torch Award recipients are selected by a committee based on their devotion to Mortar Board's three key ideals of scholarship, leadership and service throughout the year.

Additionally, the chapter was among 23 groups to receive a Project Excellence Award, granted by a selection committee to chapters with notable projects in the areas of: scholarship, leadership, fundraising, service, the national Reading is Leading literacy initiative, alumni involvement, or Mortar Board Week. Ohio State's chapter was honored with two Project Excellence Awards for their exceptional projects, "Leadership Discussion with Gil Cloyd" and the "World's Largest Pillow Fight."

Finally, the group was selected as a finalist for Mortar Board's highest national honor for a collegiate chapter: the Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award. This award is presented to the nation's most exceptional chapter. This chapter, chosen after a thorough nomination and selection process, must exemplify the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service in the most outstanding manner. The recipient is selected based on a variety of criteria, including chapter operations, campus visibility, member participation, advising, communications and chapter projects. The University of Wyoming was presented with the award.

Chapter President Laura Bockbrader was present to accept the chapter's awards.

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 chartered in 1918 and was one of the four founding chapters of the national organization. The chapter currently has 50 members.

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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