

## We are Beneficial

There are significant benefits available to Mortar Board members, both before and after graduation.

- Fellowships for postgraduate study, awarded by the Mortar Board National Foundation, at [www.mortarboard.org](http://www.mortarboard.org)
- Access to dozens of Mortar Board print and electronic publications
- Savings on a variety of insurance products with Nationwide Insurance®
- Affordable health, travel and tuition insurance by GradGuard
- Professional networking through the Mortar Board LinkedIn group
- Social connections with the national Mortar Board community at [www.facebook.com/MortarBoard](http://www.facebook.com/MortarBoard) and [www.twitter.com/MortarBoard](http://www.twitter.com/MortarBoard)
- Mortar Board Career Center by JobTarget with thousands of job postings
- Beautiful, high-quality certificate frames and recognition pieces by Church Hill Classics
- The possibility of an instant pay increase for federal government jobs with entrance at the GS-7 level (instead of entry GS-5 level)
- Kaplan test preparation discounts of 15 percent on GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, SAT, ACT and PSAT classroom and online courses for members and their families
- An automatic \$500 sponsorship from RealAcad, a top-level venture management program
- A \$500 merit-based scholarship from the Washington Internship Institute
- A Washington Center internship program award of a \$1,000 housing scholarship
- The possibility of a \$1,000 scholarship for The Fund for American Studies Summer Institute or Capital Semester
- The opportunity to apply for the NIH-Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program, a fully-funded Ph.D. program in biomedical research

## We are Progressive

Mortar Board members are self-aware, forward-thinking members of the campus community. Through their participation in their chapter, they become acquainted with leaders from all parts of campus, all fields of study and all different types of student organizations. They grow into a dynamic team, generating incalculable energy.

As members grow with Mortar Board, leadership development opportunities offered by the Society enhance personal and professional skills. Endless prospects for fun and advancement await those holding membership in the premier national college senior honor society – Mortar Board.

## We are Forever

Membership in Mortar Board is lifelong, and the relationships made in our Society are longlasting. Alumni relish the chances to network with other members wherever their careers may take them. They stay connected by serving in the Society's national leadership, joining an alumni chapter, or advising a collegiate chapter.



Alumni loyally contribute to the Mortar Board National Foundation to strengthen leadership programming and fellowships. Benefits of membership are available whether a member is 25 years old or 50.

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# MORTAR BOARD



The premier national honor society for college seniors



We are **Scholars**... Chosen for Leadership... United to Serve

## We are Distinctive

Membership in Mortar Board is the pinnacle of achievement for a collegiate scholar-leader. Selection to the Society denotes distinction for one who has led with effective passion, one who has served selflessly the greater good, and one whose academic achievements reflect a true love of learning.

Mortar Board honors the scholar-leader with junior standing who demonstrates superior performance in this trio of Mortar Board ideals.



## We are Influential

Once selected for membership in Mortar Board, a member commits to serve during the senior year. This is what distinguishes Mortar Board as a true honor society: our Society's members remain committed to the service of their alma mater through the meaningful and notable programs of their Mortar Board chapter. This is why one often finds that the president, provost, vice president for student affairs, dean of students and other chief executives of the college or university rely on the Mortar Board chapter to contribute meaningfully to campus life. As no small consequence, Mortar Board members continue to rise to leadership and grow in influence.



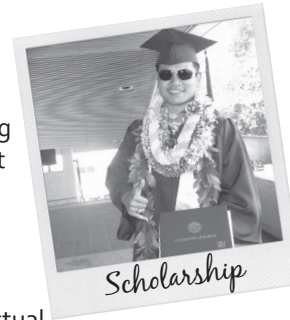
## We are Selected

As a national society, Mortar Board, governed by its student members, has set baseline standards for membership.

One of these standards is easy to quantify. To be considered for membership, a candidate of junior standing must be in the top 35 percent of the junior class. The more significant gauge is the candidate's demonstration of true scholarship through writing, research and intellectual advancement.

A Mortar Board chapter considers candidates who have been leaders of a wide variety of collegiate and community organizations. Chapters regard most highly the candidate whose leadership has made a meaningful difference. Similarly, a Mortar Board chapter is likely to consider for membership the candidate who demonstrates genuine commitment to serve the campus, community, region or nation.

Before officially declaring candidates elected to membership, each Mortar Board chapter must secure the approval of the Mortar Board National Office, which verifies that candidates meet baseline standards. Then, the chapter may notify candidates by way of a prestigious, public tapping ceremony. The structure and scope of tapping vary from campus to campus, and tapping is one of the most cherished memories for a Mortar Board member. Tapping is followed by well-planned orientation and an elegant initiation ceremony that includes university and community dignitaries. Tapping, orientation and initiation are esteemed traditions of Mortar Board.



## We are Venerable

Mortar Board had its beginnings in 1915 on the campus of the University of Chicago when two women from different institutions realized they belonged to similar honor societies recognizing senior college women. Lengthy conversations ensued, and after years of discussion and research, a founding meeting on February 15, 1918, gathered representatives from groups at Cornell University, The University of Michigan, The Ohio State University and Swarthmore College who agreed to form a national society.

They adopted a pin in the shape of a small black mortarboard emblazoned with three Greek letters to symbolize common ideals: Pi for scholarship, Sigma for service and Alpha for leadership. The name Mortar Board was adopted a short time later, and so our venerable society began, evolving with the times. In 1975, Mortar Board welcomed men as members.

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Our Society remains true to its original aims, promoting equal opportunities among all people and advancing the status of women. Presently there are more than 250,000 initiated members of our Society. Given that they were chosen for leadership, it is no surprise that they are an amazing array of accomplished professionals, leaders and global citizens.

## We are Trusted

In 1937 Mortar Board became the first women's organization to earn membership in the Association of College Honor Societies, a visibly cohesive community that certifies national and international honor societies.



## We are Welcoming

Just as Mortar Board members on campus reach out to consider new members from all parts of campus, Mortar Board as a national organization welcomes inquiries by accredited four-year colleges and universities with an interest in petitioning the Mortar Board National Council to start a chapter of our Society. The executive director of Mortar Board, who may be reached at the National Office, provides direction.