



## Outstanding Chapter Projects

### MB for HAITI

\*SERVICE PROJECT, MORTAR BOARD WEEK PROJECT

#### *University of Arkansas*

After the devastating events in Haiti, the Octagon chapter partnered with the American Red Cross to raise funds for Haiti. Personalized water bottle labels containing the Mortar Board logo, project title “MB for HAITI,” and sponsorship information were attached to 110 water bottles and sold on campus for \$1. The chapter was able to make a \$110 donation to the Red Cross after just two days of selling water bottles at the Student Union and workout facilities.

### Relay for Life

\*FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT

#### *Colorado State University*

This chapter decided to support the American Cancer Society by participating in Race for the Cure. This project involved a 12-hour overnight walk at the university gym. Prior to the walk, the chapter hosted an awareness fundraiser via friends, family and Facebook. The chapter committed to matching funds raised up to \$500, and in the end they were able to donate more than \$1,200 to the American Cancer Society.

### Trick-or-Treating for Books

\*SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT, “READING IS LEADING”

#### *Colorado State University*

This chapter decided to support the Mortar Board “Reading is Leading” national project with a creative twist on a Halloween tradition. Members dressed up in costumes and went trick-or-treating for books! The chapter advertised this event to the community in the days leading up to Halloween night, and then they went door to door to collect the books. Halloween night was a great success for the Tau Iota Omega chapter, and extremely helpful for the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County, as the members collected more than 2,000 books.

## Just Dance! Marathon

\*LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING"

### *Cornell College*

In an effort to raise funds for the Cedar Rapids Public Library, the Torch chapter hosted a dance marathon on campus. Not only were Cornell students invited to take part in this day of dancing and fun, the local community was also encouraged to participate as well. Fliers, newspaper advertisements, Facebook events, Web sites and newsletters around campus and the community publicized this event. Before the marathon's start, "family fun" hours offered carnival games, snacks and performances by two dance troupes. Following these events, the dance marathon began and included a live band and concessions. Participants were charged \$5 (adults and children) or \$4 (students), with \$1 off admission with the donation of a gently used book. The Torch chapter was able to donate more than 100 books and more than \$600 to the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

## Mortar Board Auction

\*LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT

### *Cornell College*

The Torch chapter continued its annual tradition of a Mortar Board auction again this year. Local businesses were given the opportunity to donate items to be auctioned off to Cornell students and community members. To help in the transition of the newly inducted class, both the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 classes helped plan and execute this event. Twenty businesses donated approximately \$600 of merchandise and goods, with total bids equaling \$500. All profits were donated to the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

## Mortar Board Spelling Bee

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING"

### *Eastern Kentucky University*

The Collegiate Pentacle chapter hosted a campuswide spelling bee to fundraise for the national "Reading is Leading" national project as well as to promote awareness of Mortar Board. Twenty-two participants represented various student organizations, and after collecting participant entry fees and general admission fees, the chapter was able to make a monetary donation, along with a book donation to the local library and the YMCA.

## St. Baldrick's

\*FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT

### *Florida State University*

This chapter worked to raise money for research to benefit children with cancer. After dividing the chapter into four subcommittees including fundraising, recruiting, promotion, and day-of-event staff, members secured coverage on the local ABC news affiliate and promoted the event around campus. Overall, the chapter raised more than \$4,000 while also working to create buzz about Mortar Board throughout the university community.

## Gold Cord Lecture Series

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### *Fort Hays State University*

Following the lead of Mortar Board chapters of the past, the Gold Cord chapter implemented its own lecture series. Working to bridge the gap between the campus and community, students and community members were all invited to attend these lectures. Professors from the university and guest speakers from outside the university were asked to speak on a specific topic and engage the audience in group discussion following the presentation. The chapter plans to make this lecture series an annual event bringing in two speakers every year.

## First Book Alumni Book Drive

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, FUNDRAISING, ALUMNI INVOLEMENT, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING"

### *Hope College*

The Alcor chapter took the national First Book Virtual Book Drive the extra mile by collaborating with their alumni. Every year the chapter does a Homecoming Book Drive, and this year they sent letters to all Mortar Board alumni encouraging donations to the First Book Web site, in addition to bringing books to the homecoming game to donate. With the involvement of several hundred alumni, the chapter was able to raise more than \$8,000. Funds raised were donated to Pine Creek Elementary, and the chapter donated an additional \$500 and spent time reading books to children at the school. The chapter was proud to be named the top national Mortar Board fundraising chapter for the entire Virtual Book Drive.

## Last Lecture Series

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT

### *Hope College*

The Alcor chapter continued the tradition set by the 2008-2009 chapter of planning a Last Lecture Series. Last Lectures are hypothetical final lectures given by professors, asked to address the question, "If this were your last time to address a group of students, what would you say?" The series consisted of three professors, and each event was attended beyond capacity. The first 50 students to arrive at the lecture received a free copy of the book of each professor's choice, compliments of the chapter. Additionally, bound copies of the lectures were given out at the end of the lecture to all in attendance. These lectures were a great opportunity for students to see a different side of their professors. The series allowed professors to share life wisdom that is not normally shared in class. Professors spoke about their own personal experiences, life philosophies and events that affected their lives.

## CASA Pumpkin carving, stocking stuffing, tutoring and Borders gift cards

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING"

### *Hope College*

This project involves the entire membership of the Alcor chapter of Mortar Board as they stuffed 125 stockings and collected and carved 125 pumpkins to distribute to the students at Children's After School Achievement (CASA). In addition, a portion of the membership tutored the children during an afterschool program. Due to Alcor chapter's success in the 2009 Virtual Book Drive (see previous page), the chapter received \$400 in gift certificates to Borders to purchase books to provide to each child. CASA students are lower economic students whom the chapter encourages to pursue scholarship opportunities and to set goals for themselves.

## Relay for Life

\*LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT

### *Hope College*

This year the Alcor chapter took part in the campus wide Relay for Life to raise awareness of and funds for cancer research. The team was able to raise more than \$4,000 to donate to cancer research. At the event, members named their team "Jungle Book," dressed in animal motifs, and decorated their tent with vines and stuffed animals. By raising such a large amount of donations the chapter members showed themselves as true leaders on campus.

## Tanzanian Scholarship Project

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING:"

### *Hope College*

Continuing its five-year tradition of the Tanzanian Scholarship Program, the Alcor chapter once again raised \$5,000 to fund eight full scholarships for Tanzanian students to receive a college education in Tanzania. The scholarship program is now proud to say that there are students from previous years who have completed degrees and are now teachers or are pursuing further education. The scholarship program covers tuition, books and necessary living expenses for these students. To raise funds for this program, students host campus fundraisers and receive donations from alumni.

## Disability Prom

\*SERVICE PROJECT

### *Hope College*

This chapter hosted its fourth annual Disability Prom this year, and even doubled the number of participants. The theme was "Jungle Safari," and each person was given an animal mask when they arrived. Members decorated the space, danced with those in attendance, and selected songs. The university provided the refreshments for the dance.

## Kiva Project

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING"

### *Hope College*

The Alcor chapter decided to add an additional project to their already busy schedule this year by participating in the Kiva project, an international microfinance organization. Through this organization, the chapter was able to loan \$400 to the Samuel E. Williams' Group from Sierra Leone interest free. The chapter also partnered with other organizations to make a total loan of \$2,800. Samuel E. Williams is the leader of the group of primary school teachers that requested the loan in order to help pay for immediate needs. This year's loan was particularly used toward paying some teachers' salaries and children's tuition.

## Wearing of the Blue Brunch

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### *Hope College*

The chapter annually hosts the "Wearing of the Blue Brunch" for freshman and sophomore students who are named on the dean's list. This event features a free buffet and Mortar Board and faculty speeches. Underclass students are encouraged to continue with their scholastic goals, and they are introduced to the ideals of Mortar Board at the beginning of their college careers. This past year the chapter welcomed more than 178 students to this special event.

## 2009 Indiana Diabetes Walk

\*SERVICE PROJECT

### *Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

This year the Sutton chapter participated in the 2009 Diabetes Walk in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Fifteen members spent more than a month raising money for the American Diabetes Association prior to walking at the event as a team. The team distributed fliers, created Web pages and personally visited community members to gather donations and to get more people involved in the event. In total, the team was able to raise more than \$1,500 for the American Diabetes Association.

## Dine to Donate

\*ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING"

### *The University of Kansas*

The Torch chapter collaborated with the alumni chapter in Lawrence, Kansas, to plan a charity dinner for alumni and current members. Dine to Donate featured a dinner where current collegiate members were able to enjoy the company and gain knowledge from members of the alumni chapter while raising money to benefit New York Elementary's reading program. Both of the chapters were also given the opportunity to present activities from the year. To keep overhead costs low, the chapter worked with a local restaurant to create a low budget menu and charged each alumni member \$20 and each collegiate member \$15 to attend the dinner.

## Blossom Express Graduation Flower Sale

\*SERVICE PROJECT

### *University of Missouri - Kansas City*

Every semester, eight chapter members gather together to sell roses prior to their university's graduation ceremonies. Partnering with Blossom Express, the chapter was able to raise \$830 for the chapter to utilize next year. After receiving rose bouquets from Blossom Express, members worked through the logistics of selling on campus and worked with the school cafeteria to store the flowers in the walk-in refrigerator.

## Outstanding Senior Recognition Awards

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT

### *University of Montana*

The Penetrulia chapter once again hosted the annual President's Outstanding Senior Recognition Awards Ceremony on the Friday prior to commencement. Approximately 140 seniors out of the 1,500-student graduating class were recognized by their academic department or university-recognized organization on the basis of academic scholarship, leadership, service and devotion to excellence of their departments and the University of Montana. Members must coordinate with the president's office, printing and graphics, alumni relations, academic affairs and student affairs to execute this event. Student awardees are awarded a certificate and medallion at this ceremony officiated by the provost, president and faculty members. Over the years, this event has become known as the most sought-after program to attend prior to graduation.

## Give Love - Give Books!

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### *The University of Nebraska - Kearney*

The Xi Phi chapter continued the "Reading is Leading" project that the 2005-2006 chapter began. Members partner with the National Honor Society at Kearney High School and together collect books at every athletic event held over Valentine's Day weekend. This year they were able to collect more than 1,300 books. Books for adults were distributed to the local jail, women's shelter and other community agencies; adolescent books were distributed to Sunrise Middle School; and young children's books were utilized for the Kearney Public Schools' "Literacy Alive Project." Mortar Board members aided in the "Literacy Alive Project" at the local elementary school this year. Members provided reading and related activities for the children in fourth grade classes. At the end of the year, each fourth-grade student was given a book and a picture of their Mortar Board partner.

## UNK Honors Convocation

\*LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE PROJECT

### *The University of Nebraska - Kearney*

The 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 classes of the Xi Phi chapter worked together to put on the annual UNK Honors Convocation. Since 1992, Mortar Board has hosted the campuswide Honors Convocation immediately following the initiation of the new members. Parents of current and new members are invited, along with faculty honorees, award recipients, administration and Mortar Board alumni. During this event, the Alumni Association, administration and student government, among others, present awards to students. In addition, Mortar Board recognizes one outstanding sophomore who excels in scholarship, leadership and service as well as one outgoing chapter member who has contributed the most during the previous year.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Basket Drive

\*LEADERSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT

### *University of North Dakota*

The Quo Vadis chapter once again hosted its annual Turkey Basket Drive, in which members distribute Thanksgiving meal supplies to local families in need. This event, now supporting the Fairview community for 30 years, is the largest and most successful project that the chapter undertakes each year. Members sent letters to more than 1,500 businesses asking for support. In addition, the chapter worked with a high school honor society and local nonprofit agencies to coordinate donations and help families register to receive a basket. In 2009, the chapter worked hard to raise more than \$16,000 and assisted 1,000 families.

## “Reading is Leading”

\*IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT “READING IS LEADING”

### *Oklahoma State University*

The Achafoa chapter executed a three-hour “Reading is Leading” event at the local public library. Children in attendance were read to by Mortar Board members, created a fun craft and were treated to a healthy snack. Through this event the chapter was able to raise more than \$200 in sponsorship to purchase books for the children to take home. More than thirty families attended the library event and 50 children went home with books and a prize. Due to the success of the event, the Stillwater Public Library has decided to partner with the Achafoa chapter every year to sponsor this event.

## Get on Board Week

\*MORTAR BOARD WEEK PROJECT

### *Oklahoma State University*

During the 2010 Mortar Board Week, the Achafoa chapter set up a booth in front of the Oklahoma State Student Union to promote the chapter and answer questions about Mortar Board. Members handed out membership application forms, as well as Mortar Board scholarship applications, along with candy. To make this project have a dual emphasis, the chapter also collected monetary donations at the booth and donated all funds raised to the American Red Cross to assist with the Haiti earthquake disaster relief fund.

## Mortar Board Reading Marathon

\*SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING," MORTAR BOARD WEEK PROJECT

### *Purdue University*

The Barbara Cook chapter chose to host a "Reading is Leading" program at the West Lafayette Public Library for second- and third-grade students from three local elementary schools. The event, which required members to apply for a service-learning grant of \$1,500, ultimately benefitted 70 children. In addition to distributing fliers to every second- and third-grade student in the community, the chapter worked closely with the administrators of the districts to be sure all eligible children were informed about the opportunity to attend this event. The program featured two hours of fun at four activity stations including: a Purdue professor reading short books; "Readers' Theatres" in which children and Mortar Board members acted out a story written in a script format; Purdue athletes reading to and taking photos with children in six different corners; and a scavenger hunt through the children's section of the library.

## Mortar Board Leadership Conference

\*LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### *Purdue University*

The Barbara Cook chapter successfully executed its 19<sup>th</sup> annual Mortar Board Leadership Conference. This year's theme was "providing sustainable solutions for tomorrow's leaders." To achieve the goal of discussing the popular topic of sustainability and how that relates to leaders and the future, the chapter had seven speakers for breakout sessions in addition to a morning and afternoon keynote speaker. Each breakout session had a different topic, and students were allowed to choose the topic when they registered. Approximately 350 students who were nominated by Mortar Board members and faculty attended the daylong event which featured two general sessions and two smaller breakout sessions. A committee of five members worked together to plan and promote the event, and all members were involved with the daylong conference which operated within a \$10,000 budget.

## Mortar Board Lecture Series

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT

### *University of San Diego*

This year, the Alcala chapter hosted its first ever lecture series beginning with guest speaker James McElroy, a lawyer, teacher and advocate for civil rights. Through this lecture series, Mortar Board promoted the work of Mr. McElroy, an individual who exemplifies Mortar Board's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. More than 40 students were treated to the lecture, a question-and-answer session and free pizza. To promote the event, members posted fliers around campus, e-mailed the entire faculty to request in-class promotion, notification of the event went out to all campus student organizations and Mortar Board members made personal announcements in each of their classes.

## Emeritus Faculty and Staff Outstanding Service Awards Ceremony and Brunch

\*SERVICE PROJECT, ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

### *San Diego State University*

For the past 24 years, the Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown chapter has sponsored a ceremony to honor retired faculty, staff and administrators who gave generously to the university, its students and the community. The event is self-supporting as attendees pay for the brunch as well as donate money toward the award itself. This year, members chose to recognize their advisor, Dr. Jane K. Smith, with this award. This event provides excellent coverage of the chapter on campus via the electronic faculty and staff newsletter, Mortar Board Alumni Newsletter, and the San Diego State University Retirement Association newsletter.

## Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, SERVICE PROJECT

### *San Diego State University*

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year that Mortar Board has sponsored a dinner to honor faculty and staff who have made significant contributions to the education and academic achievement of the SDSU members of Mortar Board. Each Mortar Board member selects one faculty or staff member to recognize at this dinner. They also invite the current and former advisors to be recognized. Members of the Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown chapter feel that this is a great service project for the campus. It is seldom that faculty and staff are thanked and recognized publicly for the tremendous contributions they make. The honorees are always pleased to be able to meet with the students and to be recognized and thanked.

## Honors Council

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, SERVICE PROJECT

### *San Diego State University*

The SDSU Honors Council was founded by Mortar Board in 1989 and is made up of student and faculty representatives of the University Honors Program, Phi Eta Sigma, Scholars without Borders, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa multidisciplinary honor societies. The purpose of the council is to advise, promote the interests of each chapter as well as those interests common to all six societies, recognize students and faculty for their achievements, and represent honor societies on the Associated Students Council. Honors Council hosts multiple service events, such as canned food drives, study abroad workshops, and a holiday toy drive.

## Backpack Stuffing

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING," MORTAR BOARD WEEK PROJECT

*San Diego State University*

For the ninth consecutive year, Mortar Board members stuffed backpacks with school supplies and donated them to needy children. This year the bags went to an orphanage in Mexico and a low-income middle school in the San Diego area. The SDSU members also involved members from the University of San Diego chapter as well as the alumni board. The backpack stuffing was a great opportunity for members to mingle as well as a service to the children who needed assistance.

## Alumni Relations

\*ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT "READING IS LEADING," MORTAR BOARD WEEK PROJECT

*San Diego State University*

This chapter takes great measures to keep their alumni involved. The alumni relations chair attends all alumni board meetings. The chapter holds an annual Alumni Luncheon at which \$8,000 in scholarship money is awarded to active members who are attending graduate and professional school. The alumni are also very involved with the Backpack Stuffing project. In fact, the idea for the project came from one of the alumni board members!

## Last Lecture Series

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE PROJECT

*San Diego State University*

Many of the degree programs at SDSU require a capstone (a culminating experience that asks students to integrate their major with their overall coursework, within the context of life) project. With this idea in mind, the Last Lecture Series was created with the intent of honoring teachers and scholars at SDSU by providing a distinguished career capstone event. Honorees give a public lecture where they are asked to sum up in one final lecture what they believe has made their lives and work meaningful and worthwhile.

## Mortar Board Planner/Calendar of Events

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT

*San Diego State University*

For almost two decades now, the Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown chapter has been creating a planner specifically for SDSU students. Included in the planner is the SDSU academic calendar; final exam schedule; testing dates; important dates; athletic, music, and drama events; listing of clubs and organizations; campus map; valuable coupons; important offices and telephone numbers; and much more. This year, 11,000 planners were sold, and the chapter received more than \$16,500 for its efforts.

## Students Supporting Special Education Walk

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE PROJECT

*San Diego State University*

As a new philanthropy project this year, the Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown chapter decided to bring attention and raise awareness to children with special needs. Members worked to organize a fundraising walk to benefit the San Diego Unified School District special education classes. In an effort to raise awareness, students made and carried signs recognizing various mental and physical challenges face by children, provided information about budget cuts affecting special education classes in the schools, and garnered support from several campus student organizations. The first annual walk was a great success hosting more than 100 participants and raising more than \$1,000.

## Garden of the Gods Section Project

\*SERVICE PROJECT

*Colorado State University, Colorado College, The University of Northern Colorado, The University of Denver, University of Wyoming, University of Utah*

For the seventh consecutive year, multiple chapters from Section 22 have worked at the Garden of the Gods. Members worked on three different projects including moving 3,500 pounds of dirt up a hill to fill an erosion gully, picking seeds for future reseeding; and cutting Russian Thistle and the Great Mullen. In 2009, 52 members from all six active chapters in Section 22, including Section Coordinator Dave Whitman and Mortar Board National President Dan Turner, collaborated on this project.

## Storybook Forest

\*SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT, "READING IS LEADING"

*University of South Florida*

Storybook Forest was an event planned by the Athenaeum chapter where members go to a local elementary school and set up a carnival called "Fun Friday," with games, prizes, toys, face painting, pictures, coloring contests and reading. This year's event was Halloween-themed. The chapter gave away many books and prizes and the kids had a great time. More than 50 children participated in this hour long event and each were able to choose from more than 200 books to take home.

## HOPE Kids Event

\*SERVICE PROJECT

*University of Utah*

The Acorn chapter partnered with HOPE Kids, a nonprofit organization that puts on fun events for terminally-ill children and their siblings. Members chose to sponsor and plan four different HOPE Kids events over the past year, each with a different theme (puppets, winter, "Night on Hollywood," and "Jump into Spring"). Each of these events featured activities related to the main theme and provided a fun outlet for the kids. At least 15 children participated at each program night, and the chapter was able to maintain a low budget (only \$30-\$60 per event) with the help of donations from members.

## Adams Elementary “Reading is Leading”

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, SERVICE PROJECT, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT “READING IS LEADING”

### *Wichita State University*

This year, the Fairmount chapter planned a “Reading is Leading” event at a local elementary school. There were 388 students from Adams Elementary School who participated in an event where each student was required to read a book and draw a picture illustrating some aspect of the book. The children’s pictures were then entered into a picture contest and a winner was chosen for each grade level. The winners from each class were awarded a \$30 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble. In addition, the school’s library was awarded a \$300 donation to be used to purchase additional books for the library.

## Leadership in Action

\*SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/PROJECT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### *University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire*

The Gold Caps chapter developed and hosted a leadership and scholarship development program, called “Leadership in Action” for undergraduate students to take part in at the university. This event gave students the opportunity to benefit from the professional experience and advice of UWEC’s outstanding administrative leaders. Students were given the chance to follow an administrative leader in an area they were interested in whether it was business, psychology, history, education, or the chancellor, provost or dean of Students for one day. To be eligible, students submitted an application, including essay responses and a résumé for consideration.