



May 2017

GRADUATING MEMBERS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!

For many of you, the coming months will bring tremendous change. Outgoing collegiate members will begin the next stage of your life's journey - and whether you are moving on to start a successful career, going to graduate school or pursuing other opportunities, we want to send you off with our sincere thanks. Your leadership will have a lasting effect on your chapter and your alma mater. By stewarding the traditions of your chapter, you have strengthened that which sets Mortar Board apart from any other organization: our active and energetic commitment to scholarship, leadership and service. Thank you for being a wonderful example for your fellow Mortar Boards and for all of the students on your campus. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with you, and we welcome you to our network of more than 250,000 Mortar Board alumni. Consider joining the [Mortar Board Alumni Association](#), [volunteering](#) and [updating your contact information](#) to keep your connection strong.

NOT GRADUATING THIS SPRING? BECOME A CONTINUING SENIOR!

Not graduating this spring and want to stay active in your chapter longer? Participating in Mortar Board for a second (or third!) active year provides additional opportunities for your own development, and your chapter will benefit from your experience and expertise. Make sure you pay your \$40 continuing senior fee to your chapter or [online](#).

NEW MEMBERS: CONGRATULATIONS ON MORTAR BOARD!

Hearty congratulations on being invited to membership in Mortar Board. Ours is the premier national honor society for college seniors. Your selection as a member is a sign of more than just good grades, more than just one type of leadership or service. Your membership means that you present a comprehensive package to the world: a true love of learning, earnest leadership, and profound interest in service. Scholarship, leadership, service—all three. Mortar Board is more.

MAKE IT OFFICIAL

If you have not paid your \$80 member fee online or to your chapter, it's not too late! Payment of this one-time fee secures your lifetime membership in Mortar Board and benefits worth much more. Click [here](#) for instructions and a link to submit payment.

RECONSIDERATION CAMPAIGN

Outgoing and incoming officers should work together now and through the summer to encourage any candidates who have not paid membership fees to join your chapter now. It is not too late! Find the candidates who are listed as "refused" on your chapter's final OMR, and email them the [instructions for online payment](#). Be sure to include information about all the great benefits of joining your chapter! Many candidates' situations change over the summer, and they may be in a position to change their mind about membership. Later in the summer, the National Office will also reach out to your refused candidates by email and mail. In the fall, chapter advisors and new leadership will be fully informed of any newly-paid members who need to be added to your chapter's roster. Stay tuned!

NEWS

REGISTER FOR THE [NATIONAL CONFERENCE](#)!

The chapter president (or if necessary, a substitute for the president), as the official delegate of the chapter, is EXPECTED to attend. Your chapter covers your delegate's travel expenses. Additional chapter officers and members of the new class are invited to attend the conference for a \$350 per person registration fee. Please note this registration fee INCLUDES one night double-occupancy lodging at the conference hotel and meals on Saturday evening through Sunday lunch! This is an amazing opportunity!!!! Please take advantage of it today.

Mortar Board reserves the right to assess a \$75 late fee to chapters whose delegate registers after May 15. Additional participants do not pay a late fee but are encouraged to register before July 6.

Advisors pay a \$200 registration fee and cover their own hotel expenses directly.

RUN for National Council Student Representative. Any collegiate member who attends the National Conference may register her/his intention to be a candidate on or before June 1 by completing a [statement of interest](#).

APPLY FOR CHAPTER AWARDS ON OR BEFORE MAY 15

Your chapter has worked hard this year to be exceptional. Make sure you get recognition for your work with a national award. Each year at the national conference, exemplary chapters are recognized for their outstanding achievement. Chapters must apply or be nominated on or before May 15. Don't delay! [Read more about chapter award requirements](#) and [apply online](#) today!

NATIONAL OFFICE DISCONTINUING CHAPTER EMAIL ADDRESSES AS OF JULY 15

The National Office is discontinuing its use of Google Apps email services and therefore will no longer be able to supply email addresses to chapters. If your chapter uses a National Office-issued email address ending in "mortarboard.org," the address will not be valid as of July 15, 2017. Please make arrangements to transition to a new chapter email address for the 2017-2018 academic year. Remember to update all chapter websites, directory listings, email signatures and letterhead to ensure that your chapter can receive communications and applications properly after the termination of service. If you have questions about this transition, please contact the National Office for assistance.

GET A JOB!

All Mortar Board collegiate members may showcase their academics and activities through [Portfolio](#), our online career tool. Member initiated in 2017 will receive a Portfolio invitation very soon! Tell your chapter members too!

Want to hold on to your Portfolio after graduation? Be sure to join MBAA to retain access to the Mortar Board network as an alumnus!

PREPARE FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

Practice is the key to being prepared, and Kaplan has the perfect resources to get you started! Their free practice exercises are designed with your free time in mind. Whether you have five minutes for a pop quiz, 20 minutes for a quick exam workout, or a free afternoon for a full-length, proctored practice test, Kaplan has you covered.

Find a comfy spot, grab your laptop, and prepare to succeed. [Register today!](#)

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UPCOMING DUE DATES

DUE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER INITIATION

Final OMR and fees*

DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 15

New Officer Report *

Chapter Finance Report *

Chapter Annual Report *

Advisor Annual Report *

National Conference registration*

Final OMR and fees* (if not already submitted)

Historian Report

Gold Torch Award application

Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award application

Project Excellence Award application

Most Improved Chapter Award application

Promotional Videos (read more below)

*** = Required**

Note: It is the responsibility of the **outgoing chapter** to complete all chapter reports on or before May 15.

BEGIN PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

While it seems far away, new officers should begin preparing for the upcoming academic year by starting a draft of the [Chapter Action Plan \(CAP\)](#). Starting early allows the chapter to begin to make the appropriate plans for things like chapter events, fundraising goals and room reservations. Completing a draft before the conference will allow the new officers ample time to review the report with your section coordinator well before the September 15 report deadline.

CHAPTER VIDEO SHOWCASE

At the national conference, chapters have the opportunity to showcase their activities and programs through one-minute promotional videos. Start planning your chapter's video now! Think of all the visibility you will gain on your campus with your new promotional video. Submissions are due on or before May 15, 2017, and the promo videos will all be shown at the national conference. View 2016 videos [here!](#)

Please submit your videos to <http://bit.ly/ChapterVideos>.

CHAPTER RESOURCES

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Connect with alumni members of your chapter by sharing chapter news in the Mortar Board *Forum*. [Submit your chapter news, member news, family stories and feature ideas online today!](#)

[Handbooks and guides](#)

[Report forms](#)

[Section Coordinators](#)

[Mortar Board Store](#)

[Portfolium](#)

EVERY CHAPTER CAN PARTICIPATE IN CENCAM

Chapters are encouraged to participate in CenCam in two ways:

- Create a chapter endowment - provide unending financial support for your chapter's future
- Donate online at <http://www.mortarboard.org/Give/> and commemorate Mortar Board's 100th!

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