



May 2016

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 for an additional academic term or year? Participating in Mortar Board for a second (or third!) active year not only provides additional opportunities for your own development, but 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. Click [here](#) for instructions and a link to submit payment.

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 two nights double-occupancy lodging at the conference hotel and meals on Friday evening, all day Saturday and on Sunday morning! This is an amazing opportunity!!!! Please take advantage of it today. Check out our [YouTube video](#) for a step-by-step registration guide.

Late conference registrations (after MAY 15) of official delegates will be accepted but will include a \$75 late registration fee that is paid personally by the delegate.

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

WHAT TO EXPECT @ #MBNC16

A virtual preview of the conference will be offered on Wednesday, May 11 from 1:30 – 2 p.m. Eastern. There are two steps to joining the virtual preview:

First, to sign into the video part of the call, please go to <https://carmenconnect.osu.edu/mortarboard>. Consider logging on five minutes prior to the call to ensure that you have all of the technology required.

Second, from a quiet location, call 866-374-1005 toll free and follow the prompts. Enter meeting code 651-880-7029 and follow prompts to be taken to the "meeting room."

Questions? Please email conference@mortarboard.org. We hope to "see" you on May 11!

SUBMIT your proposal to present during the LeadingLeaders Presentation Series. Mortar Board's LeadingLeaders series are 10-minute presentations that allow Mortar Board members a chance to share their expertise with the entire conference delegation. When it comes to leading, what are you smart about? And what would you be willing to share with other Mortar Board leaders? Put your thoughts into words and submit a proposal for the LeadingLeaders Presentation Series. Proposals are due on or before June 1. [Submit a proposal here!](#)

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](#).

ADVISORS are you interested in advisor training? Mortar Board's highly regarded LEAD program will be offered July 21-22 in Indianapolis in conjunction with the national conference. This certification program provides valuable leadership education for advisors. [Register today!](#)

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!

GET A JOB!

All Mortar Board collegiate members may showcase their academics and activities through [Portfolium](#), our newly-launched online career tool. Graduating members and continuing seniors should see the email you received from Portfolium on January 28. Members initiated in 2016 will receive a Portfolium invitation very soon! Tell your chapter members too!

GRADUATION SALE

Be sure to take advantage of our graduation sale prices in the [Mortar Board Store](#)! Sale ends June 26.

30-SECOND SURVEY

Click [here](#) to answer a couple of quick questions about fellowships offered by Mortar Board. If you've already responded, thanks!

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UPCOMING DUE DATES

DUE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER INITIATION

Final OMR and fees *

MAY 15

New Officer Report *

Chapter Finance Report *

Chapter Annual Report *

Advisor Annual Report *

National Conference registration *

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 will 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, and the promo videos will ALL be shown at the national conference. The top-ranked video will have bragging rights all year long! View 2015 videos [here!](#)

Please submit your videos to <http://bit.ly/ChapterVideos2016>.

CHAPTER RESOURCES

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!

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