



MBits

news, tips and benefits

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MBits - A quarterly email with news, tips and benefits for Mortar Board alumni. Subscribers also receive a link quarterly to the Mortar Board *Forum*.

MORTAR BOARD'S BIRTHDAY IS FEBRUARY 15!

Mortar Board Week is the celebration of our Society's birthday. Founded on February 15, 1918, Mortar Board will be 99 this year. Chapters often plan special events around this week (February 12-18), but there are also many ways alumni can celebrate. You can:

- Wear your Mortar Board [pin](#)
- Join the [Mortar Board Alumni Association](#)
- Call, text or email three members of your class and wish them Happy 99th
- Read the latest *Mortar Board Forum*
- Send an email to your Mortar Board advisor with thanks for everything
- Have lunch with three Mortar Board friends
- Put the Mortar Board [logo](#) on your [Facebook page](#)
- Make sure Mortar Board is listed on your résumé and [LinkedIn page](#)
- [Make a contribution](#) to the Mortar Board National Foundation Centennial Campaign
- Sing [Thy Ideals](#) in the shower
- Go through your Mortar Board photos with your kids or grandkids and talk about Mortar Board
- [Volunteer](#) for Mortar Board
- View the [Mortar Board website](#)
- Offer to help your [collegiate chapter](#) by hosting a meeting at your office or in your home

NEWS

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER LEADERS PARTICIPATED IN SPECIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On January 29 collegiate chapter leaders participated in the virtual Mortar Board Special National Conference. We discussed amendments to the *Bylaws of Mortar Board, Inc.*, the slate of National Council candidates and stories of chapters' successful programs.

NEW MORTAR BOARD BENEFIT

Kaplan Test Prep is the newest supporter of Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society. Kaplan will provide a 10% discount for all members and alumni (excludes Summer Intensive and Winter Intensive courses). Current chapter executive officers will receive 50% off Kaplan comprehensive review courses (excludes Summer Intensive and Winter Intensive courses). Kaplan will partner with local chapters to provide opportunities for members to be better prepared for application, testing and admissions process to all Graduate School Programs. For a complete list of eligible courses, visit the Kaplan partnership page at <http://mortarboard.org/About/BenefitsAndPartners/>.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1

Since the inception of Mortar Board's fellowship program in 1941, more than \$750,000 has been given to deserving members of Mortar Board pursuing postgraduate degrees. A member of any age may apply for a Mortar Board Fellowship for postbaccalaureate degree study in any field. The Mortar Board Fellowship Selection Committee endeavors to provide for a streamlined, yet thought-provoking, application process that allows each applicant to showcase her/his accomplishments and plans. Mortar Board is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Learn more about the application process and frequently asked questions at <http://www.mortarboard.org/About/Fellowships/>.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

New job? New degree? Another honor? We'd love to share your news in the upcoming Mortar Board *Forum*.

Are you in a Mortar Board family? Send us photos! Mortar Board has become a true family tradition. If you are in a family that has more than one member, no matter the relationship, now is your chance to be featured in the Mortar Board Forum.

[Submit your news, family stories and feature ideas online today!](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

AMAZON SMILE

Next time you make a purchase at Amazon, use [Amazon Smile](#) and support Mortar Board!

EVERY MEMBER CAN PARTICIPATE IN CENCAM

Members 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!

BENEFITS

PORTFOLIUM

Mortar Board partners with Portfolium to allow all collegiate and MBAA members to create an elegantly-organized digital portfolio to showcase their academic and professional journey. Showcase your skills and experiences, refer others, hire, or get hired through Portfolium. [Take a look](#) at the amazing work collegiate and alumni members have shared to date!

[Join MBAA today](#) to gain access to this exclusive network!

THE MORTAR BOARD FORUM

Autumn 2016 *Forum* available [online](#)! Read the latest issue of the Mortar Board Forum, including our feature story on San Diego alumni, chapter news stories, a family feature and much more!!

Read past issues of the digital *Forum* [online](#). You can also [subscribe](#) to receive a printed copy for just \$25 a year. Better yet - [join](#) the Mortar Board Alumni Association (MBAA) for just \$45 a year and receive a *Forum* subscription with your membership!

BLOSSOM EXPRESS

Mortar Board members earn big profits fast with Blossom Express. Call 800-332-7421 for details about our "Blossom Bonus" for chapters doing their first flower sale or visit us [online](#) to get started today!

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