



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 98 this year. Chapters often plan special events around this week (February 14-20), 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 98th
- 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
- Sing [Thy Ideals](#) in the shower
- Go through you 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 TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On January 21, 23 and 24 collegiate chapter leaders will participate in the three sessions of the virtual Mortar Board Special National Conference. We will discuss amendments to the *Bylaws of Mortar Board, Inc.*, the slate of National Council candidates and stories of chapters' successful programs.

2015 FALL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING

Mortar Board, Inc.'s National Council, section coordinators and staff met virtually over a two-day period in mid November for training and strategic activities related to membership and leadership planning. This is the first time that

the leaders have held a virtual meeting in favor of a face-to-face event. Nothing can replace meeting in person, but this event was declared a success from an information and cost perspective.

TORCHBEARER NOMINATIONS

Nominate a national Torchbearer today for Mortar Board's Centennial Publication.

"The God of Great Endeavor gave me a torch to bear...." So begins the poem that celebrates Mortar Board, making the torch a significant symbol of our Society. To honor those who have led Mortar Board from its earliest years until now, the Historical Publication Steering Committee will feature 100 Mortar Board Torchbearers in the centennial publication, *Mortar Board: A century of scholars*, chosen for leadership, united to serve, an extensive history of our Society and its significance on the national scene. The book will be released in 2017.

Every Mortar Board member and, every chapter is urged to nominate national Torchbearers who will be recommended to the National Council by the Torchbearer Committee, chaired by Diane Selby (The Ohio State University, 1961). A Torchbearer is one who:

- is a member of Mortar Board (either collegiate or honorary), living or deceased;
- has made a significant positive contribution to the establishment, growth, longevity, prosperity, history, stewardship, operations, or visibility of Mortar Board, Inc. or the Mortar Board National Foundation; and
- has demonstrated reliable and consistent performance throughout her/his service to Mortar Board.

Think of the members of your chapter, past or present, who should be nominated and complete the [nomination form](#), on or before April 1, 2016.

DID YOU KNOW?

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. The program started with two awards of \$500 and has grown to several awards of between \$3,000 and \$5,000 each. A member of any age may apply for a Mortar Board Fellowship for postbaccalaureate study in any field. Applications are due on or before March 1. Find out how to apply 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!](#)

BENEFITS

THE MORTAR BOARD FORUM

Autumn 2015 *Forum* available [online](#)! Read the latest issue of the Mortar Board Forum, including our feature story on Centenarian Dr. Mildred Newcomb, alumni 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 per year and receive a *Forum* subscription with your membership!

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NATIONWIDE

When you bundle with Nationwide®, you could save a bundle, too. Combining your home and auto could save up to 20% and you'll save even more with your exclusive [Mortar Board discount](#).

OFFICE DEPOT

Back to school has arrived! Gear up for less with your member discount of up to 80% off - Office Depot/OfficeMax items in-store and online. Free store purchase cards are printable [online](#).

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