



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 quarterly *Mortar Board Forum* announcement.

NEWS

2015 AWARD WINNERS

Emerging Leader Award

Carl Kirpes (Iowa State University, 2010)

Ann Wang (University of California, Los Angeles, 2011)

Alumni Achievement Award

Julie L. Davis (Kansas State University, 1977)

Janet E. Jackson (Wittenberg University, 1974)

Erika C. Steuterman (Purdue University, 1976)

2015-2016 NATIONAL LEADERS

National Council

Dr. Abigail Diehl, National President (The Pennsylvania State University, 1995)

Dr. David Whitman, President-Elect (University of Wyoming, 1998)

Ms. Kathryn E. Chick, Vice President (Hood College, 2006)

Mr. Mohammed I. Hill, Secretary-Treasurer (University of California, Berkeley, 1992)

Mr. Clay C. Mingus, Alumni Representative (Purdue University, 1997)

Ms. Paula Stuetgen, Alumni Representative (University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, 1976)

Ms. Katelynn Raney, Student Representative (Cornell College, 2015)

Mr. Andrew F. Wrisinger, Student Representative (University of Missouri - Kansas City, 2013)

Dr. Martha Starling, Immediate Past President (Kansas State University, 1962)

Dr. Jane A. Hamblin, Executive Director (Purdue University, 1973)

National Foundation Board of Trustees

Dr. Denise L. Rode, President (Northern Illinois University, 1971)

Dr. Mabel G. Freeman, Vice President (The Ohio State University, 1965)

CAPT Sally Watlington, Secretary-Treasurer (Purdue University, 1965)
Dr. Barbara J. Arnold, Trustee (The Pennsylvania State University, 1981)
Ms. Mary Ruth Carleton, Trustee (University of California, Berkeley, 1969)
Ms. Kathryn MacKenzie, Trustee (Oklahoma Baptist University, 1969)
Dr. Jane K. Smith, Trustee (West Virginia University, 1960)
Dr. Martha Starling, Trustee (Kansas State University, 1962)
Dr. Sally Steadman, Trustee (University of Wyoming, 1968)
Mr. Tony Vidmar, Trustee (The Ohio State University, 1982)
Dr. Jane A. Hamblin, Executive Director (Purdue University, 1973)

Section Coordinators

Ms. Natalie White, Northeast - Section 1 (The University of Vermont, 2011)
Ms. Jessie Johnson, Pennsylvania - Section 2 (Knox College, 2011)
SC Team*, Mid Atlantic - Section 3
SC Team*, Southeast - Section 4
Mr. Brandon Caten, Floribama - Section 5 (University of South Alabama, 2011)
SC Team*, South - Section 6
Ms. Courtney Vick, Tennessee Valley - Section 7 (University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 2011)
Ms. Jenni Birch Szolwinski, Southern Ohio - Section 8 (Purdue University, 1993)
Ms. Tara Milliken, Northern Ohio - Section 9 (The Ohio State University, 2010)
Dr. Sarra Nazem, Michigan - Section 10 (University of Michigan, 2004)
Dr. Andy Robison, Indiana - Section 11 (Indiana State University, 1989)
Ms. Candice Hironaka Pitts, Illinois - Section 12 (Oregon State University, 1971)
Mr. Chris Wilkins, Upper Midwest - Section 13 (University of Montana, 2009)
Ms. Kristi Okerlund, Northern Great Plains - Section 14 (University of North Dakota, 2003)
Ms. Katie Verschelden, Southern Great Plains - Section 15 (Kansas State University, 2002)
Ms. Jessica Born, Central - Section 16 (Kansas State University, 2007)
Ms. Janelle Alexander, Texas - Section 17 (Midwestern State University, 2007)
Dr. Cassandra Lucas, Southwest - Section 18 (Purdue University, 1994)
Dr. David Whitman, Rocky Mountain - Section 19 (University of Wyoming, 1998)
Ms. Kelsey Willis, Rocky Mountain - Section 19 (Colorado State University, 2014)
Mr. Doug McManaway, Pacific Northwest - Section 20 (University of Washington, 2009)
Ms. Megan Isaacson, West - Section 21 (San Diego State University, 2012)

SC Team

Dr. Barbara J. Arnold (The Pennsylvania State University, 1981)
Ms. Susan Caples (The University of Alabama, 2006)
Mr. Nathan Cordle (The University of Alabama, 2011)
Dr. David Whitman (University of Wyoming, 1998)

CALL FOR 2016 ALUMNI AWARD NOMINEES

The Emerging Leader Awards, Alumni Achievement Awards and Distinguished Lifetime Membership Awards are given by Mortar Board to alumni who have demonstrated Mortar Board's continuing commitment to the Ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. These alumni are models for the collegiate members as well as illustrations of what Mortar Board stands for. Intentions to nominate may be submitted by alumni chapters, collegiate chapters, or individual Mortar Board members on or before November 15. [Read more about the awards and submit your nomination today!](#)

MORTAR BOARD FELLOWSHIPS

The Mortar Board National Foundation invites applications for 2016 Mortar Board Fellowships. The Fellowship selection process is managed by the Mortar Board Fellowship Selection Committee, which reviews all completed applications. Mortar Board Fellowships are for Mortar Board members who are or will be working toward a postbaccalaureate degree in the 2016-2017 academic year. A completed application for a Mortar Board National Foundation fellowship consists of three parts: 1. the application form, completed in full, and submitted electronically; 2. a current, official electronic or hard copy transcript from every institution of higher education that you have attended and 3. two recommendations from faculty or other persons who can speak with authority about your ability to do graduate work in your chosen field and about your personal qualities and achievement. The deadline for receipt of the completed application, all transcripts and recommendations is March 1, 2016. Details and links to on line forms at <http://www.mortarboard.org/About/Fellowships/>.

DID YOU KNOW?

2015 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

251 participants attended representing 145 chapters with more than 6,000 collegiate members and a quarter of a million alumni members.

Mark your calendars - the 2016 National Conference will be held July 22 - 24 in Indianapolis, Indiana!

MORTAR BOARD NATIONAL FOUNDATION

The National Foundation was established in 1955 as the fundraising arm of Mortar Board, as well as to serve the educational aims of Mortar Board, Inc. Its primary goal is to raise funds to support leadership and service initiatives through grants to Mortar Board. A Board of Trustees governs the National Foundation. The trustees are volunteers who coordinate the fundraising efforts in collaboration with the staff at the National Office, oversee the investment of the funds and administer the fellowship program and chapter project grants. Fundraising sources include contributions from Mortar Board members, alumni and chapters, along with royalties and donations from corporate partnerships. Have you helped to grow our legacy of leadership this year? It is easy and tax-deductible! Click [here](#) to donate online or contact the National Office at 800-989-6266.

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

Summer 2015 *Forum* available [online](#)! Read the latest issue of the *Mortar Board Forum*, including a recap of the 2015 National Conference and award winners, 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!

BLOSSOM EXPRESS

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