



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*.

NEWS

2016 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

240 participants attended representing 152 chapters with more than 6,000 collegiate members and a quarter of a million alumni members.

Mark your calendars - the 2017 National Conference will be held August 4-6 in Phoenix, Arizona!

CENCAM LAUNCHED AT LUNCHEON

On July 23, 2016, we officially launched the Mortar Board Centennial Campaign, CenCam. Through CenCam, we will strengthen the foundation of Mortar Board for its second century. We began with a goal to raise \$500,000 before the end of 2018, our centennial year. During the silent phase, every single one of the trustees and every National Council member made a contribution. So, we have found that we can increase our goal from \$500,000 to ONE MILLION dollars!

National conference participants raised \$2,308 dollars during the Silver and Gold luncheon and our text to donate campaign. Members may contribute in a variety of ways:

Text TORCH and YOUR NAME to 27722 to donate \$10* and when prompted follow the on screen instructions from your wireless carrier.

Make a secure donation [online](#)

Mail your donation by check to Mortar Board National Foundation, 1200 Chambers Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212

Give any amount to the Mortar Board National Foundation within four years of initiation for three years running, and you will earn a permanent place in the **Tapping Society**.

Any person who has donated \$500 or more to the Mortar Board National Foundation since January 1, 2011, is eligible for membership in a new giving group called **The 1918 Society**. Members of The 1918 Society will receive a commemorative lapel pin.

2016 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Emerging Leader Award

Spencer Schaffer (The Ohio State University, 2011)

Alumni Achievement Award

Sarah Smith Larson (Monmouth College, 1972)

Debra Levin (Arizona State University, 1986)

Distinguished Lifetime Membership

Judith Lewis Logue (San Diego State University, 1990)

Denise C. Ottinger (Bowling Green State University, 1974)

Robert S. Sorensen (Purdue University, 2000)

2016 CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS

Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award

The University of Alabama

Most Improved Chapter Award

University of Mary Washington

Excellence in Advising Awards

University of Kansas - Jennifer Weghorst

University of Mary Washington - Abbie M. Tomba

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Jenna Vitosh

Texas Tech University - Jerry Stevens

Additional chapter awards can be found on the website at <http://www.mortarboard.org/Collegiate/Awards/>

2016-2017 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)

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

Mr. Robert Kichak, Student Representative (University of Cincinnati, 2014)

Mr. Brandon M. Caten, Alumni Representative (University of South Alabama, 2011)

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

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, 1959)

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)
Ms. Jennifer Shendock, Mid Atlantic - Section 3 (Rowan University, 2005)
Ms. Bre'una L. Keeton, Southeast - Section 4 (Washington State University, 2013)
Mr. Nathan R. Cordle, Floribama - Section 5 (University of Alabama, 2011)
Ms. Susan Herndon Caples, South - Section 6 (University of Alabama, 2006)
SC Team, Tennessee Valley - Section 7
Ms. Jenni Birch Szolwinski, Southern Ohio - Section 8 (Purdue University, 1993)
Ms. Sarah Royer, Northern Ohio - Section 9 (The Ohio State University, 2014)
Ms. Audrey White, Northern Ohio - Section 9 (The Ohio State University, 2014)
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. Rachel Hautzinger, Southern Great Plains - Section 15 (Knox College, 2011)
Dr. Cassandra Lucas, Central - Section 16 (Purdue University, 1994)
Ms. Gracen Daniel, Texas - Section 17 (Texas Tech University, 2015)
Dr. Cassandra Lucas, Southwest - Section 18 (Purdue University, 1994)
Ms. Kelsey Willis, Rocky Mountain - Section 19 (Colorado State University, 2014)
Ms. Mia McCurdy, Pacific Northwest - Section 20 (Purdue University, 2010)
Ms. Megan Isaacson, West - Section 21 (San Diego State University, 2012)

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

PORTFOLIUM

Collegiate and MBAA members have access to the [exclusive Mortar Board Portfolium network](#). Showcase your skills and experiences, refer others, hire, or get hired through Portfolium.

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

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](#).

**Text Torch: \$10 donation to Mortar Board. Charges will appear on your wireless bill, or be deducted from your prepaid balance. All purchases must be authorized by account holder. Must be 18 years of age or have parental permission to participate. Msg&Data Rates May Apply. Text STOP to 27722 to STOP. Text HELP to 27722 for HELP. Full Terms: mGive.org/T. Privacy Policy: mGive.org/P*

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