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## **MORTAR BOARD PRESENTS EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING AWARD TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ADVISOR GLENDA K. GUYTON**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society announced that Glenda K. Guyton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is the recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Advising Award. This honor was presented to Guyton at the Society's national conference, held last month in Atlanta.

The Mortar Board Excellence in Advising Award is presented annually to an advisor who has provided exceptional support to help a Mortar Board chapter achieve its goals. The recipient has served as a role model to chapter members by demonstrating constant leadership, professionalism and spirit of service.

Advisor to the Hypatia chapter at The University of Alabama for more than two decades, Guyton is the essence of excellent advising. She hosts monthly officer meetings in her home, fosters communication with key university administrators, maintains contact with local Mortar Board alumni and works tirelessly to help the chapter reach its goals. The University of Alabama chapter president said, "Thanks to her attentive and positive attitude, we've been able to deliver consistent success that is noted across campus as remarkable." Guyton's commitment to Mortar Board extends to the national level, where she has volunteered as section coordinator and alumni representative to the National Council.

Guyton's professional career in student services began in 1959 as assistant to the dean of women at The University of Alabama. In that role, she helped facilitate desegregation of the campus in the 1960s and advised women's organizations on campus. During her tenure at Alabama, she served as advisor to returning adult students, assistant to the dean of students and assistant vice president for student affairs. Following her retirement in 1983, she worked as dean of students at Frank Phillips College in Texas and filled the role of acting president for one year. Returning to Tuscaloosa in 2001, Guyton has continued to pursue her passion for serving students as president of "Women of the Capstone," a group dedicated to mentoring first-generation college students. An active community leader and volunteer, Guyton has served on the boards of directors for the Tuscaloosa Symphony Guild, Tuscaloosa Rotary Club and The University of Alabama Retirees' Association. She is currently outreach coordinator at Capstone Village, the University's retirement community. For her many achievements, she was selected for membership into The University of Alabama Student Affairs Hall of Fame in 2011.

Guyton was initiated into the Panathenees chapter of Mortar Board in 1974 at Carson-Newman College. She holds a baccalaureate degree in music from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in educational guidance from The University of Oklahoma. Married to the late Dr. Water R. Guyton, she has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. Since its founding in 1918, more than a quarter of a million members have held the honor of being initiated at 230 chartered chapters across the nation. Mortar Board provides its members with opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community. Some notable Mortar Board members include professional football player and philanthropist Drew Brees, former United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and award-winning actor Marion Ross. Learn more about Mortar Board at [www.mortarboard.org](http://www.mortarboard.org).

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