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MORTAR BOARD PRESENTS EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING AWARD TO UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT ADVISOR MAGGIE ROSA

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society announced that Margaret (Maggie) Rosa of South Burlington, Vt., is the recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Advising Award. This honor was presented to Rosa 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.

Rosa's remarkable tenure as advisor to the Akraia chapter at the University of Vermont began in 1972 and has continued for more than four decades. From delivering coats to the local refugee population, collecting canned goods for the neighborhood food pantry and even buying baked goods at the chapter's fundraisers, Rosa does it all! She is present at every chapter meeting and service event, and she stays in constant contact with chapter members through email and face-to-face conversations. Says the chapter president, "She has remained a steadfast ally to me throughout the most demanding and difficult periods I have faced as president. She communicates clearly with her advisees and invests her time in supporting them personally and professionally. Due to Maggie's unmatched organization skills and deep commitment to our chapter, I have no doubt that our chapter will continue to thrive at UVM."

Rosa is an active community volunteer who lends her time and talent to many organizations in the greater Burlington area, including the Fletcher Allen Hospital, Hope Lodge, Vermont Public Television and Radio, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and, most recently, the Sara Holbrook Community Center and the Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival. Additionally, Rosa's passion for service has been a driving force in the Mortar Board chapter's commitment to the local Ronald McDonald House. For 18 years, student members have continued the chapter tradition of funding and cooking dinner every Sunday night for families whose critically-ill children seek treatment at the nearby hospital.

Originally from Clifton, N.J., Rosa was initiated into Laurels chapter of Mortar Board at the University of Connecticut in 1963. After earning a baccalaureate degree in education the following year, she started her career as a fourth and fifth grade teacher in schools in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Vermont. Since 1978, Rosa has been employed as chief operating officer for The New England Press, a regional publishing company co-founded by her husband, Alfred Rosa. In this role, she supports the company's mission of bringing to the marketplace books about Vermont and New England life and culture. She also draws on her education experience to edit works of fiction and non-fiction as well as poetry, humor and photography.

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.

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