

# Mortar Board

National College Senior Honor Society



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## **MORTAR BOARD PRESENTS FOUR NATIONAL ADVISING AWARDS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society announces that four outstanding advisors received the 2014 Excellence in Advising Award at the Society's national conference held this summer 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.

Francisco Delgadillo, Ph.D. advises Mortar Board's Forum chapter at Texas Tech University. Delgadillo was also honored with the Advisor of the Year Award by the University. The chapter largely credits him as the driving force in its successful quest to win Texas Tech Student Organization of the Year honors. Delgadillo holds a baccalaureate degree from the University of Notre Dame and master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Tech, where he is faculty director for diversity.

Louise Douce, Ph.D. is the advisor of the Mabel G. Freeman chapter at The Ohio State University. A specialist in college student mental health, Douce and has been active in college and university psychology for 35 years. Her role as member-at-large of the Board of Directors of the American Psychological Association requires much travel; nevertheless, she is consistently present at chapter meetings, executive meetings, individual consultations, social and service events and alumni council meetings with interest in each chapter member ever apparent.

Amber Messersmith, Ph.D. is the advisor of the Xi Phi chapter at the University Nebraska at Kearney. Assistant professor in the Department of Communication at UNK, Messersmith balances a family and her work and is still present at all chapter activities. Her office door is always open, she hosts meetings in her home, and she contributes countless hours to Mortar Board. She has an intense determination to be excellent, which shines through in her chapter.

William Self, Ph.D. is the advisor of the Delta Alpha chapter at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Self spurred the chapter to use advanced survey software to improve the selection process. Assistant professor of leadership and organizational behavior and the director of Behavioral Research Programs and Initiatives in UMKC's Bloch School of Management, Self says of his chapter members, "Their energy, optimism and passion have been contagious and inspire me to always improve what I do."

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 been selected for membership at 231 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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