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President's message

Mortar Board members and friends,

In this edition of the *Mortar Board Forum*, you are going to read about Mortar Board members who have made their mark on the world. These renowned philanthropists, award-winning authors and dedicated trailblazers have worked hard to become household names – and Mortar Board is doing the same.



As we near our centennial celebration in 2018, Mortar Board continues to be recognized as the premier national honor society for college seniors. Mortar Board is continually expanding, with plans to install a 229th chapter at the University of California Channel Islands and a membership roster approaching half a million names. Furthermore, we have entrusted a team of remarkable member professionals with a five-year strategic plan that will take our society to an even higher level with goals:

1. Create a unified Mortar Board culture of lifetime membership.
2. Develop a long-term strategy for financial stability at the national and local levels.
3. Enhance governance, administration and operations.
4. Build strong relationships and enhance connections by observing/adapting to generational and demographic trends.
5. Establish recognition, enthusiasm and loyalty to the Mortar Board brand.

I recognize that there are many accomplished Mortar Board members out there who may not have yet found a way to get involved with the Society – this just might be your calling. If you are interested in assisting with one of the teams heading up efforts to achieve one of our strategic goals, please contact us at strategicplan@mortarboard.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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The mission of the Mortar Board National Foundation is to support Mortar Board, Inc. in furthering the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

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Words of my mentors

“You never get a second chance to make a first impression.”

By Jane A. Hamblin

These good words of advice fit nicely in this issue of the *Mortar Board Forum*, in which our editor features so many “impression-makers” who are Mortar Board members. Though all Mortar Board members may not be “household names,” we all have the chance to make an impression for our Society.

I had an interesting conversation about the impression a chapter can make on campus with Pleiades chapter President Adam White and former chapter Vice President Ben Thanepohn at Northern Illinois University. They let me in on the thinking of chapter members around the issue of making a favorable impression. It added to my understanding.

Each Mortar Board member makes an impression — and, I hope, a good one — all day, every day, for Mortar Board. Each time you teach an orientation class, meet with the dean of the college or the university’s president, travel to a debate competition, lead your campus organization, conduct a research experiment or go to a job interview, you make an impression about Mortar Board. When you put your “best foot forward,” Mortar Board steps out fashionably with you.

Chapter leaders, you can make sure that your Mortar Board chapter makes a good

impression all year by the way your chapter is portrayed on campus. This is especially important as you prepare to select new members. Thanks for assuring that Mortar Board is known all across campus as the organization to strive for. Our ideals and purpose give you great material. All you have to do is take it from there.

You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Make it a good one!

In “Words of my mentors” I pay tribute to the scholars and servant-leaders who have influenced me. Although I don’t exactly remember the first time I heard the words, “You never get a second chance to make a first impression.” I’m fairly sure they were offered by Ginger Banks, an amazing leader and thoughtful writer who is a past international president of Alpha Omicron Pi. She was my “trainer” for my first job out of college as a traveling consultant for the fraternity. Though brilliantly clever, Ginger is not the phrase’s originator. That is up for grabs. Some say Will Rogers coined it, others Dorothy Parker or Oscar Wilde. One thing’s sure, it makes an impression!



My impressions

Speaking of good impressions, I have been impressed with the chapters I have had the chance to visit during my first year as executive director. Thanks to chapter president Krystyn Vitale and the officers of the Athenaeum chapter at University of South Florida for an enjoyable visit last winter; the leaders of the Mabel G. Freeman chapter at The Ohio State University; past president Dan Stackowicz at Valparaiso University; Beau Williamson, the Barbara Cook chapter president at Purdue and the leadership team there; Paula Stuetgen, the advisor at the Gold Caps chapter at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire; and the leaders and officers at Northern Illinois University. You are making a good impression for Mortar Board on your campuses. Keep up the great work!

I have also had the pleasure of visiting the Lafayette Alumni Chapter in Indiana and the Columbus Alumni Chapter here in Ohio. I attended an exploratory meeting for a northern Illinois alumni group. Thanks for these chances to get acquainted. I look forward to more — just invite me!

Jane

Mortar Board is calling

Mortar Board’s first-ever member directory project is about to begin! Over the next few months, our partner in this project, **Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI)**, will be contacting Mortar Board alumni like you by mail, phone and e-mail to ask that you update your information.

Please answer our call.

We understand that you might not want to provide your information to just anyone. So, we want you to know this request for your information is legitimate and from a trusted partner.



For more information about the project and PCI, please visit www.mortarboard.org/directory.

To update your information today, please call toll free at 877-269-4566.

Mortar Board awards \$39,500 in fellowships

Mortar Board National Foundation Chair Sally Steadman, Ph.D., announced that \$39,500 has been awarded to 11 exceptional members furthering their graduate education during the 2010-2011 academic year. In applauding this year's fellows, Dr. Steadman said, "The brilliance of these scholar-leaders is matched only by the generosity of the donors and partners of the Mortar Board National Foundation. It is gratifying to know that we are continuing a nearly 70-year tradition of support for advanced study by the brightest graduates in the United States."

Each year, the Mortar Board National Foundation awards fellowships to assist members in financing their graduate studies. Since the establishment of the fellowship program in 1941, more than \$600,000 has been awarded to help members pursue graduate or professional school. Annually, members are chosen to receive these fellowships based on a history of academic excellence, strong recommendation, scholarly promise, financial need and Mortar Board involvement.



Sonja Ardoin

Fellowship: Mortar Board Diane Selby Fellowship (\$5,000)
Undergraduate: Louisiana State University, Initiated 2003
Additional education: The Florida State University, M.S.
Graduate: North Carolina State University
Degree sought/field: Ph.D., educational administration



Mike Finn

Fellowship: Mary Elizabeth Ramier Fellowship (\$2,500)
Undergraduate: University of Michigan, 2008
Graduate: The University of Tennessee
Degree sought/field: Ph.D., clinical psychology



Shay Galto

Fellowship: Barbara Cook Fellowship (\$3,500)
Undergraduate: Northern Illinois University, 2009
Graduate: Northern Illinois University
Degree sought/field: M.A., philosophy and international service in ethics, peace and global affairs



Emily N. Garbinsky

Fellowship: Zelma Patchin Fellowship (\$2,500)
Undergraduate: Carnegie Mellon University, 2009
Graduate: Stanford Graduate School of Business
Degree sought/field: Ph.D., marketing



Star Hughes

Fellowship: Ellen North Dunlap Fellowship (\$3,500)
Undergraduate: University of San Diego, 2009
Graduate: University of San Diego School of Law
Degree sought/field: J.D./M.B.A., law and business



Hibah Hussain

Fellowship: Ruth Weimer Mount Fellowship (\$3,000)
Undergraduate: Carleton College, 2007
Additional education: M.S., The London School of Economics
Graduate: Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism
Degree sought/field: Ph.D., communications



Micah Kordsmeier

Fellowship: GEICO Fellowship (\$5,000)
Undergraduate: The University of Tulsa, 2005
Graduate: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Degree sought/field: M.C.R.P., city and regional planning



Rishi Kumar

Fellowship: Mortar Board Fellowship (\$5,000)
Undergraduate: University of Maryland, 2004
Graduate: Mayo Medical School and Arizona State University School of Health Management and Policy
Degree sought/field: M.D. and M.B.A./M.H.S.M., medicine, business administration and healthcare systems management



Chelsey Newcomb

Fellowship: Washington State University Classes of 1945-1950 Fellowship (\$2,000)
Undergraduate: Northern Illinois University, 2009
Graduate: Valparaiso University School of Law
Degree sought/field: J.D., law



W. Steven Spiehler, Jr.

Fellowship: Mortar Board Fellowship (\$5,000)
Undergraduate: The University of Alabama, 2007
Graduate: Harvard Business School
Degree sought/field: M.B.A., business administration



Charlynn L. Weissenbach

Fellowship: Catherine Wills Coleman Fellowship (\$2,500)
Undergraduate: San Diego State University, 2009
Graduate: University of California, Berkeley School of Law
Degree sought/field: J.D., law

Apply for a 2011-2012 Mortar Board fellowship on or before January 31, 2011 at www.mortarboard.org

Six exceptional members receive Mortar Board alumni awards

By Alicia Notestone

Each year, Mortar Board recognizes admirable alumni who embody the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service with the Society's top member awards: the Alumni Achievement Award and Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award.

National President Daniel J. Turner (Northern Illinois University, 1994) explained, "Lifelong members hold Mortar Board's principles in high regard. These members make it a priority to surpass personal goals and are often honored for those accomplishments. However, we are always faced with an even greater challenge in Mortar Board – selecting the best of the best from a deep pool of nominees."

Following a thorough review of nominations performed by a panel of volunteers, the Mortar Board National Council recognized six outstanding alumni at the Candlelight Banquet held on Saturday, July 24 during the 2010 Mortar Board National Conference in Chicago.

At the ceremony, National Council Alumni Representative Jane Beyer (University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 1980) presented Dr. Bethany Rubin Henderson (The University of Pennsylvania, 1997), Dr. Teresa C. Long (University of California, Berkeley, 1978, who accepted her award by video recording), and Kunle Oguneye (Valparaiso University, 1996) with the Alumni Achievement Award, reserved for members who have made contributions to their local, national and international communities; excel in their careers; and help Mortar Board to grow each year by serving as exceptional role models. The Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award, created to recognize remarkable alumni who devoted a lifetime of commitment to Mortar Board, was bestowed upon Shirley Brooks-Jones (The Ohio State University, 1991), Dr. Mary P. (Miller) Hoy (Iowa State University, 1963) and Dr. Helen Dickerson Wise (The Pennsylvania State University, 1948).

Jane, former chair of the national alumni committee, explained, "I have been involved with selecting these recipients for several years now, and I continue to be amazed each year. The personal and professional accomplishments of our alumni are just amazing."

"I was honored to be able to present these awards and get to know the recipients at the conference," she remembered.

Each of the award recipients gave remarks sprinkled with personal stories, past adversities and invaluable advice, leaving a lasting impression upon the audience of 300 alumni, volunteers, friends and collegiate members of Mortar Board.



Alumni Achievement Award recipients Bethany Rubin Henderson (left) and Kunle Oguneye pose with their awards. Also pictured are Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award recipients Shirley Brooks-Jones, left, Mary Miller Hoy and Helen Dickerson Wise. Not pictured: Teresa Long

“Never, as a kid growing up, did I think that I would be honored in such a marvelous, marvelous way.”

Shirley Brooks-Jones

Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award honoree

Shirley, for example, vividly recalled her tapping, "I was sitting in a huge biology class with probably more than 250 students, and I really wasn't feeling too well that day. But, all of a sudden, I saw several people coming into the classroom, and they had on their caps and gowns, and I thought, 'Well, this looks like somebody is going to get tapped.' Lo and behold, the professor called three or four of us up to the stage. My heart was pounding, my knees were knocking – just like they are right now! I am truly honored to be a member of Mortar Board."

Bethany, a civic leadership expert, offered wisdom about life after graduation to the room full of college seniors. "I encourage all of you, if you are thinking about what to do when you graduate, to think not just about the paths that are there, but think about the path that you want. You have an opportunity to make a substantial impact."

Kunle, who left his career in technology to pursue his dream of writing children's books, agreed. "You are young. You are vibrant. I can see it in your eyes – you are ready to take over the world. You have the opportunity to really make a difference in this world."

Helen, an award-winning educator and legislator, urged students to become active, engaged citizens. "Your communities need your energy. There are always going to be problems that your creativity can do something about: clean water, better roads, low-cost housing, smaller classrooms. In short, I challenge you all to make a difference. Rise as a leader. Make an impact."

The inspirational evening, not surprisingly, ended with a standing ovation from students, alumni and guests. Just as Mary, a devoted volunteer and higher education administrator, spoke of her family's tradition of Mortar Board membership (her daughter is a member), she reminded students why they were selected. "The three pillars of Mortar Board are so important, and each of you knows them."

Members dispersed after the banquet, heading off with ideas of how to incorporate scholarship, leadership and service not only into their chapter plans, but their lifelong dreams.

Meet the 2010 alumni honorees

2010 Alumni Achievement Award

Bethany Rubin Henderson, M.A., J.D.
Visionary, activist, developer of leaders
The University of Pennsylvania (Initiated in 1997)

After her graduation from Harvard Law School, Bethany used her legal talent as a trial lawyer with a prestigious national firm representing commercial and entertainment-industry clients in multi-million dollar contract, trademark and copyright disputes. In March 2007, she decided to put her devotion to public service first and leave the law firm. She founded City Hall Fellows, an innovative nonpartisan national service corps dedicated to preparing the next generation of America's leaders. Fellows spend their service year working on high-need government-run initiatives in cities where they have personal ties. Bethany frequently reaches out to Mortar Board members to become fellows.



Teresa C. Long, M.D., MPH
Preventive medicine practitioner
University of California, Berkeley (Initiated in 1978)

The first woman to be health commissioner of the city of Columbus, Ohio, Teresa has more than 800,000 patients in her care. She established the Office of Minority Health, the first of its kind in the state. She is a founding member of Access Health Columbus, the Central Ohio Trauma System and the Physicians Free Clinic, which serves thousands of under- and uninsured people every year. This compassionate and energetic Mortar Board member has often been recognized for her work. The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) honored her as its Communicator of the Year, and this year she was honored by the Columbus YWCA as a Woman of Achievement, both in 2010.



Kunle Oguneye, M.B.A.
Altruistic author, volunteer, entrepreneur with a cause
Valparaiso University (Initiated in 1996)

Award-winning author, philanthropist and entrepreneur Kunle is the portrait of an ideal Mortar Board member. Born and raised in Nigeria, he came to Indiana and entered Valparaiso University to study engineering. Kunle went on to support his heritage by founding Digital Aid, Inc., a nonprofit devoted to furnishing computers to schools in Africa; forming Blue Brush Media to provide entertainment and literature to black children; founding the Seattle chapter of The African Network; and serving on the board of the African Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest. Kunle has received many awards for his first children's book, *Sikulu and Harambe by the Zambezi River*.



Distinguished Lifetime Membership Award

Shirley Brooks-Jones, B.A.
International ambassador
The Ohio State University (Initiated in 1991)

Initiated into Mortar Board in 1991 after her retirement from The Ohio State University, Shirley may have been considered a nontraditional student, but she became a well-respected peer. Shirley held an executive position in the chapter, participated in campus events and received the chapter's top student honor, the Ruth Weimer Mount Award. Today, she is internationally recognized for her global volunteerism — a devotion that has resulted in awards including the Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award for international volunteer efforts and induction into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador. A former member of the board of directors of People to People International, Shirley's most recent initiative was highlighted during the 2010 Winter Olympics, recognizing her for the scholarship program she founded following her unplanned stay after her U.S.-bound flight was diverted to the village of Lewisporte in Newfoundland on September 11, 2001.



National News

She says she never thought of herself as a leader until she became a member of Mortar Board, when talents she had not yet realized came to the surface. Mortar Board left her unafraid to accept any challenge.

Mary P. (Miller) Hoy, Ph.D.

Educational leader

Iowa State University (Initiated in 1963)

Higher education administration and teaching have been professional touchstones for Mary for 25 years. On the faculty of the College of Education at Iowa State University for 11 years, she left as assistant dean when Fort Hays State University invited her to become dean of its College of Education. Marquette University was next on her career path, and Mary was dean of the School of Education there for six years. Another three years as associate dean for medical education and assessment at the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences rounded out her illustrious career — although she is still an adjunct professor with Benedictine College in Kansas. She has served on the boards of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), for which she helped write its current standards. Her devotion to service has run the span from P.E.O. and Rotary International to Bluebirds, Cub Scouts and 4-H. Always involved in political activities, she currently serves in her local city government as a member of the Board of Aldermen and was, for a year, mayor pro tempore. She has been a collegiate chapter advisor and alumni chapter leader for Mortar Board.



Helen Dickerson Wise, D.Ed.

National leader

The Pennsylvania State University (Initiated in 1948)

A devoted Mortar Board member for more than 60 years, Helen has lived a life of distinction. She has been an award-winning educator, teaching social studies for two dozen years. President of both the Pennsylvania and Delaware state education associations, Helen also served as president of the National Education Association. A member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, she shepherded 22 of 26 equal rights bills into passage, making Pennsylvania the first state in the nation with equal rights legislation.

Helen served her alma mater on The Pennsylvania State University board of trustees for more than 20 years (the first woman to be elected by alumni). Her honors are from many quarters. Penn State gave her its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award. She received the Lion's Paw Senior Society's Medal for service "above and beyond." The Penn State alumni association honored her with the Alumni Fellow Award. Her sorority, Kappa Delta, for which she served as a collegiate president, advisor and national officer, inducted her into its Order of the Pearl. After her retirement as deputy chief of staff to the governor of Pennsylvania, a position she held for eight years, the governor named her a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania. She is a teacher, public servant, association leader and volunteer, and moreover, a role model.



Connect with Mortar Board | Network with other members | Rekindle friendships | Mingle with national leaders



Join us in sunny Florida

Thursday, January 20, 2011

What: Alumni Networking Reception

When: 5 - 7 p.m.

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Price: \$20

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Mortar Board member updates

Shirley Dunlap Bowser (The Ohio State University, 1956) was presented with the 2010 Ohio Philanthropy Award, given by the Ohio Grantmakers Forum, in Cincinnati. Shirley, who has previously served on the board of trustees of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and The Ohio State University, was instrumental in helping to establish the Pickaway County Community Foundation, the members of which nominated her for this prestigious award.

Nancy Johns Hamblin (Indiana University, 1977) was elected to serve as vice chair of the Indiana University Alumni Association (IUAA). Nancy is a reading specialist for the Munster, Ind. schools.

Bonita Jacobs, Ph.D. (Western Carolina University, 1992) was among 16 higher education professionals to be named as an American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Diamond Honoree for 2011. Bonita will be honored at the 2011 ACPA convention for her outstanding and sustained contributions to higher education and to student affairs. She is currently the executive director of the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students and is an associate professor of higher education at the University of North Texas.

Judith Lewis Logue (San Diego State University, 1990) has recently received two awards. In July, Judith was presented with a Hometown Hero Award for making a difference in her community as sponsored in part by KXYX Radio 96.5 and the San Diego County Fair. In November, she received the Annual Humanitarian Award from the Jonathan Tarr Foundation. Judith is a former Mortar Board National Foundation trustee and was instrumental in chartering the Alcalá Senior Honor chapter at the University of San Diego in 2000, for which she has served as advisor. Judith is the director of financial aid at the University of San Diego.



Judith Lewis Logue

Deborah Mullen, Ph.D. (Western Carolina University, 1992) completed her doctorate in health services research and policy administration from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. In addition, she was named a 2010 Juran Fellow by the Joseph Juran Center for Leadership in Quality at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management and was inducted into Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health.

Chelsey Newcomb (Northern Illinois University, 2009) was named a "Young Rockford Woman," a regular feature to celebrate the promise of the area's next generation, in *Rockford Woman* magazine in Rockford,

Ill. Chelsey is a first-year law student at Valparaiso University and a Mortar Board Fellow.

Aron Ralston (Carnegie Mellon University, 1996) is the subject of *127 Hours*, based on his life story and book. This recently released film, directed by Danny Boyle and starring James Franco as Aron, is generating Oscar buzz.

Retired Mortar Board Executive Director **Diane Selby** (The Ohio State University, 1961) has received two awards for service. In May, she was named one of the Northwest Women of the Year by the Rotary Club of Upper Arlington. The Junior League of Columbus also presented Diane with the 2010 President's Award.

A U.S. Coast Guard cutter has been named after late honorary member **Capt. Dorothy C. Stratton** (Purdue University, 1936). The cutter was christened in a special ceremony by First Lady Michelle Obama in July. Dorothy proudly served in the U.S. Navy as a part of the Women Accepted Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES). Later that year, she accepted the assignment to lead the U.S. Coast Guard's first women's reserve. Dorothy developed its name, SPARS – a contraction of the Coast Guard motto "Semper Paratus" and its English translation "Always Ready."



Attending the christening of the Coast Guard Cutter Stratton are Betty M. Nelson, (Purdue University, honorary, 1988), left; Midshipman 1st Class Laura Podgorski, NROTC, two-time winner of the Stratton Scholarship; Sandy Monroe (Purdue University, honorary, 2006); Capt. Sally Watlington, USN (Ret.) (Purdue University, 1959); and Linda Markins Sorensen (Purdue University, 1963). Photo courtesy Mary Sadowski, Ph.D. (Purdue University, honorary, 2004)

Paula Stuetgen (University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, 1976) was named Humanitarian of the Year by the Eau Claire County Humane Association – the association's highest honor. Paula has been a community volunteer since she was in high school and because of her lifelong love of animals became involved with ECCHA seven years ago. Paula is senior coordinator for assessment and special projects at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and currently serves as Mortar Board chapter advisor. Paula has served on the ECCHA fundraising committee since 2002 and recently completed a six-year term on the organization's board of directors, serving five of those years as president.

Matthew Szolwinski, Ph.D. (Purdue University, 1992) was presented with the prestigious Outstanding Aerospace Engineer Award, which recognizes the professional contributions of graduates from the Purdue University School of Aeronautics and Astronautics and thanks them for the recognition that their success brings to Purdue and the school.

Mortar Board's forward-thinking fifties

By Alicia Notestone

Celebrating our history

When most people think of the 1950s, they envision picture-perfect June and Ward Cleaver, the archetypal suburban parents of *Leave it to Beaver* and the decade as a whole. Ladylike June, donned in pearls and a perfectly pressed dress, cleans the house, tends to her two sons and prepares an elaborate dinner waiting on the formally-set dining table for her husband Ward when he returns to their home after a hard day at work.

Albeit exaggerated (not every woman vacuums in pearls and high heels), this image is closely reminiscent of a woman's place in the 1950s. The decade was overtaken by conservatism, tradition and stereotypic gender roles, with any act of rebellion being overshadowed by the anti-Communist Red Scare.

For the most part, Americans were prosperous. Well-mannered families filled sprawling suburban homes with equally well-manicured lawns. They bought new, expensive home appliances and television sets. Life like this was picturesque for some; but things were far more cruel for others, namely a result of racial discrimination. Segregation, unfair treatment, violence and crime were a tragic truth of daily life, fought by pioneers such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks.

Isolation based on race and gender crossed into the lines of higher education, with most blacks being limited to studies at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and women being led along a predetermined educational path. Colleges referenced "women's education" as if it were separate from education as a whole. Women's education, some said, served to prepare women to rear children, cook and make homes. Many fields of study weren't easily accessible to women, if not completely off-limits. Remember, this is the decade when no law firm in California would hire future trailblazer Sandra Day O'Connor (an honorary member) because of her gender.

Furthermore, despite a record number of women enrolling in college in 1950, graduation rates fell. Women were expected to have modest career goals, working only as teachers, secretaries or nurses after graduation, if at all.

Mortar Board, made up entirely of women through 1975, recognized seniors for their leadership and academic success, and its exceptional members didn't always fit into these reigning conventional molds. Instead of risking subversion, Mortar Board found its role by educating members and nonmembers alike about women's options after graduation, whether homemaking or earning a Ph.D.

On one hand, chapters like Montana State University's hosted a popular "marriage and family relations course" featuring professors, local parents and ministers as guest speakers. The class, attended primarily by male veterans and their wives, was eventually picked up by the home economics department as a university course. Mortar Board's national voice chimed in, hosting a discussion entitled, "Should I attempt to combine a successful vocation with a career in

homemaking?" during the 1952 National Convention.

Other members shunned traditional roles and proceeded to have rewarding careers in male-dominated fields such as math and science – just like Mortar Board members had been doing for decades. The editor of the *Mortar Board Quarterly* shared with the world that women and men were now playing more equal and interchangeable roles, offering listings of professions such as law, journalism and social work, along with tips for breaking into different career paths.

While women were fighting for their right to an equal postsecondary education, a racial battle that would forever change the face of education was brewing. This trying battle led to victories throughout the 1950s, including the determination that racial segregation in secondary education was unconstitutional in 1954. The majority of blacks in higher education mostly attended HBCUs, with only a small percentage of women of color attending predominately white institutions. Those who did, however, had been joining Mortar Board for many years.

Through all the turmoil of the seemingly innocent decade of sock hops and poodle skirts, Mortar Board members stayed positive and made a difference on campus and across the globe. Twenty-one chapters of Mortar Board were started in 17 states during the decade. Chapters continued to fundraise to create scholarship funds, such as The Pennsylvania State University chapter's all-expense scholarship to a foreign student. On some campuses, chapters served as ad hoc guidance panels to faculty and administrators. For instance, at Purdue, Mortar Board members assisted the student-faculty committee by offering advice on honesty in the classroom. At Ohio University, members provided academic leisure-reading book lists to the student body; and at the University of Wyoming members held a leadership conference for women. Nationally, 1955 convention delegates voted to establish the Mortar Board Foundation Fund with a purpose of effectively collecting contributions to advance the purpose of the Society. It is because of the foresight of those members who realized that women had a right to postbaccalaureate education that the Mortar Board National Foundation Fund exists today and provides nearly \$40,000 in fellowships each year.

It is unsurprising that it was the women of Mortar Board who challenged the stereotypical roles laid out for women graduates in the 1950s. They did so respectfully and carefully, for the most part, satisfied to push boundaries a little at a time. Often they were supported by the guidance of their dean of women who, on most campuses, was also the chapter advisor. The Mortar Board members of the forward-thinking fifties, while constrained by direct social mores and higher education institutions completely dominated by men, made their marks as leaders and scholars and gradually dented the smooth stereotypical facades of "women's education" in the U.S.

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The Nostalgist

Mark Kratina, J.D. (University of Nebraska - Lincoln, 2001) has written his debut novel, *The Nostalgist*. Mark, a civil litigation attorney in Omaha, Neb., was chapter president during his membership in the Black Masque chapter, served as student representative on the Mortar Board National Council from 2000 to 2002 and was section coordinator from 2002 to 2003. He received his J.D. from Creighton Law School, where he was an editorial staff member for the *Creighton Law Review*.

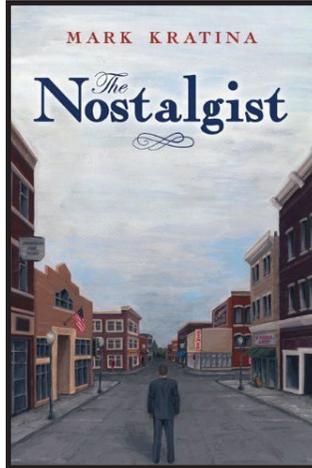
Published by Fedora House, *The Nostalgist* is the story of a young attorney, Baron Tapley, who runs for the United States Senate against a heavily-favored incumbent amidst a changing social landscape.

Dubbed the “citizen candidate,” Baron finds his idealism at odds with more than just the political establishment. While his crude, calculating opponent is missing in action on the campaign trail, Baron discovers that the world around him is at a crossroads. With the economy worsening by the day, venerable American institutions are disappearing from the landscape: newspapers, public libraries, small towns, and the tightly-held promise of the American dream.

“I really wanted to write a story about a guy who is going places but found his beliefs at odds with the way the world worked. The idea of a political campaign serving as a catalyst for deeper themes of loss, change, and how we interact with one another was interesting to me. *The Nostalgist* really is about who we are as a country, where we’re headed, and how we feel about that direction,” Mark explained.

“I think the book ties in with Mortar Board’s mission because our membership, like Baron Tapley, seeks to get out in the world and do good. Beyond that, I think the book has a lot to say to our collegiate members who are about to enter the professional world; the idea that our own ideals run into adversity and how we handle that is an experience we all can or will eventually relate to.”

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Comebacks at Work: Using Conversation to Master Confrontation

Kathleen Kelley Reardon, Ph.D. (The University of Connecticut, 1970) has recently released her ninth book, *Comebacks at Work: Using Conversation to Master Confrontation*, written with Christopher T. Noblet. Kathleen, a professor of management at the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California, is a consultant and speaker for major corporations. She is also one of Huffington Post’s signature and top bloggers. She has appeared on *Good Morning America* with Charlie Gibson and Nancy Snyderman, *NBC Nightly News*, *The Today Show* and Bloomberg.

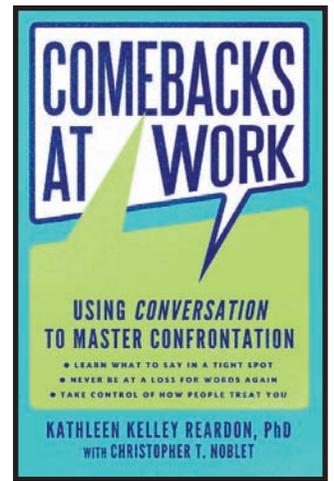
Ever wish that you could have a “do over” after a conversation at work? Do you often find yourself regretting what you’ve said to a coworker – or kicking yourself for not saying something better, stronger, or more precise? If so, you’re like most people, and in *Comebacks at Work*, you’ll find the tips and tools you need to know what to say – and how to say it better – next time.

In this compelling and entertaining book, Kathleen argues that we are responsible for 75 percent of how we’re treated at work, and our success – or failure – at doing so depends largely on how we handle ourselves in conversation with our colleagues. To break free of the stale scripts and expected actions that allow politically astute people to manipulate us, we must increase our conversational awareness and effectively employ what Kathleen calls “comebacks.” *Comebacks at Work* provides a game plan for doing so and explains:

- Why some comebacks work, while others fall flat;
- Why our minds go blank when confronted, and how to overcome that response;
- How to determine which comebacks work for you, and when to use them.

While many situations are common, however, one set of comebacks isn’t enough. Every conversation is different, and by the end of the book, readers – now armed with a personalized repertoire of comebacks, a plan for strategically using them, and the skills needed to package them for maximum effect – will be prepared for any difficult conversation that comes their way.

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Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family

Condoleezza Rice, Ph.D. (The University of Denver, 1973) is a distinguished politician – the first-ever female national security advisor and the 66th U.S. secretary of state (as well as the first black woman to hold that office). She has served as provost of Stanford University and was the Soviet and East European Affairs advisor to the president of the United States during the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Condoleezza Rice’s first memoir reflects vividly on her remarkable childhood, which began in segregated 1950s Birmingham, Ala. It follows her path as she grew up during the turbulent 1960s, fraught with violence in the South. Filled with a captivating portrait of her family, her ambitions and her passion, this novel sheds light on how these experiences helped to shape her political beliefs.

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New leaders bring life to Mortar Board at CU

By Alicia Notestone

Sometimes, even in Mortar Board, things don't go quite right. Though no one is sure why, two years ago things weren't going quite right with the University of Colorado's Virginia Patterson chapter. Sadly, when the year came to a close, the outgoing chapter members did not select a new class. The chapter, in the space of just a few critical months, became inactive, halting a tradition of excellence that began with the chapter's chartering in 1924.

Enter Dan Turner, longtime Mortar Board advisor and volunteer. Dan relocated to the Boulder campus this February after years of building his credentials in the academic advising world at two campuses in Illinois, making landmarks with Mortar Board as he went.

"Dan is a bit of a rainmaker," says Mortar Board Executive Director Jane Hamblin. "He has been an active and dedicated advisor of one of our largest chapters at Northern Illinois University and he started a new chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University last year. It is no surprise to me that he is behind the revival of a chapter."

Settled into the mountains as one of the associate directors for the Academic Advising Center in the College of Arts and Sciences at nationally-ranked CU, Dan could not stand to see his new home as the site of a lost legacy. Within a few weeks of arriving on campus, Dan spent his spare time investigating how he could help the CU chapter get up and running. Support from Section Coordinator David Whitman, Ph.D. and the National Office kept helpful resources flowing Dan's way so he could focus on getting to know students.

"I held information sessions with exceptional juniors, made phone calls, and sent out countless surveys and e-mails," Dan explained.

Thanks to the help of co-advisor Vincent McGuire and two students in particular, Sarah Buckingham and Amanda Kudron, Mortar Board became a topic of interest for leaders on campus, creating "buzz" for the prestigious society.

As soon as word got out that Mortar Board was returning to Boulder, caring alumni emerged. Chapter namesake Virginia Patterson (University of Colorado, 1945) immediately gave support, wanting to make sure that these efforts would make bringing back the chapter a success. After seeing an article about Mortar Board in the local newspaper, alumna Terrie Clark (Georgia State University, 1988) picked up the phone and called Dan, volunteering to lend a hand at advising and launching an alumni chapter in the greater Boulder area. Recent graduate Liane Longbottom (The Ohio State University, 2009), a 2010 National Conference assistant, moved to nearby Lafayette in October. Within days, she was making mortarboard-shaped treats to bring to a chapter meeting, despite challenges of baking in a higher altitude.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to not only stay involved with Mortar Board but to get the opportunity to see it blossom again at CU," Liane explained.

In October, Dan announced that the chapter had selected 17 new



From left, advisor Dan Turner, chapter president Sarah Buckingham and Amanda Kudron are working to reinstate CU's chapter of the Mortar Board honor society.

(Photo courtesy Marty Caivano, Boulder Daily Camera)

members. He shared, "This is a group of students who epitomize Mortar Board's motto: Pi Sigma Alpha, which represents the Society's ideals of scholarship, service and leadership. I'm proud that I was able to help to bring these leaders together."

Liane agreed, "It is great to see students so excited to restart the legacy the Mortar Board has here at CU. Right now the chapter has 100 percent participation!"

Virginia advised the chapter for more than 50 years and is looking forward to getting to know the newest group of students this year. She plans to share what being a part of the Society meant to her not only as a college senior, but even today as an alumna.

Dan's work isn't done yet, though. "I have big plans to see the chapter's size grow greatly over the next few years," he determinedly declared. "CU's campus climate is a perfect match for Mortar Board. Its students are thoughtful, service-motivated and actively involved. Membership in Mortar Board is something to which students aspire, and I'm sure that more and more students will see that moving forward."

Mortar Board coming back to the University of Idaho

Thanks to the vigor of alumna Dolores Rogers (University of Idaho, 1953), Mortar Board will soon return to the University of Idaho after a four-year absence caused when the chapter in 2006 failed to select a new class.

University leaders including Jeanne Christiansen, Ph.D., vice provost for academic affairs; Richard Reardon, Ph.D., associate vice president at the Coeur d'Alene center; and Cori Planagan (University of Redlands, 2000), coordinator of orientation, have been working closely with volunteers and staff to plan the comeback.

Bucknell University

Members of the Gamma Beta chapter joined other campus groups for the annual Halloween Extravaganza hosted by the Office of Civic Engagement. For this event, members of the community brought their children to trick or treat and visit decorated rooms filled with Halloween-themed activities.



A child becomes a mummy at the Gamma Beta chapter's Mortar Board room at the Bucknell Halloween Extravaganza.

The Mortar Board room quickly became a favorite of the afternoon. Students decorated the room with a "happy" theme; the walls were adorned with lighted pumpkins and ghosts as well as spider-web string, and the floors were covered with black and orange balloons. The most popular decoration was the giant screen playing Halloween films for children.

Adding to the room's popularity were the variety of activities such as face painting, "mummy making," and two Halloween games. Aside from candy, pencils were offered to represent the national Mortar Board project, "Reading is Leading." This event provided not only a great community service opportunity but also a fun way to get Mortar Board's name out to the campus and the community.

Amy Davis, chapter vice president

University at Buffalo

The U.B. Launch chapter kicked off the academic year with an interactive member retreat at which committees were formed for the year, including membership, literacy and a new committee – the pillars committee. The pillars committee will spearhead sponsorship and planning for the February 2011 Pillars Conference, at which the U.B. Launch chapter will host speakers David Coleman and Stacey Watson. These renowned presenters will speak to the UB and Buffalo community about Mortar Board's pillars: scholarship, leadership and service. The literacy committee arranged for the chapter to participate in Read for the Record as a part of the "Reading is Leading" national project. In October, chapter members read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats to 205 kindergarten through second grade students and donated a copy of the book to each classroom.

Chapter members are staying busy with other projects, such as the Linda Yalem Safety Run, and are looking forward to an exciting year.

Liz Sherman, chapter president

University of California, Los Angeles

The Agathai chapter kicked off an exciting year at sunny California's Dockweiler State Beach, where members formed tighter bonds with each other through team-building activities, and set the goals and agenda for the year. Each member was presented with Mortar Board tote bags and t-shirts to wear proudly around the UCLA campus.

During the summer, the chapter's calendar committee worked tirelessly to produce the *Academic Planner and Calendar of UCLA Events*, which has been purchased and used by students and faculty across UCLA for more than 20 years. Simultaneously, members of the executive board restructured and redefined the Agathai chapter by forming the chapter's official constitution; which can be found on a completely new chapter website, mortarboardatucla.org.

In November, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa honored the Agathai chapter for its devoted service and outstanding contributions to the Los Angeles community. In October, members collaborated with numerous service organizations, including Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, Heal the Bay and Reading to Kids, an inner-city literacy program that serves dual functions of helping to bring increased literacy to elementary school students while also keeping youth interested in school and away from gangs and violence. Additionally, the chapter donated more than \$1,000 to the Virtual Book Drive Challenge.

At UCLA, in addition to scholarship, leadership and service, members commit to taking their chapter to new heights and upholding the true UCLA Bruin ideals of integrity, excellence, accountability and respect.

Alexandra Greenfield, chapter director of communications

Carson-Newman College

Although many students frequently joke about being "poor college kids," in reality, college students are among the richest in the world. As such, Mortar Board members of the Panathenees chapter have found a different way to react – by reaching out to those who have not been as fortunate. This could explain why *Newsweek* recently ranked C-N as



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Following this trend, the Student Ambassador's Association is leading the campus in a new venture – a student organization philanthropy project called Re-Action. Each participating organization must choose a program that benefits the community and work with it throughout the year to raise funds. The Panathenees chapter has chosen to sponsor Bonner Out of School Time (B.O.O.S.T.), an after-school tutoring and learning program designed to increase education and literacy among elementary age children in local housing authorities.

"This program fits in perfectly with the national project of 'Reading is Leading,'" said Chapter President Kristin Bouldin.

"By sponsoring B.O.O.S.T., the Panathenees chapter hopes to encourage more community involvement and support for this particular program in our local area and help the program expand by continued support in the coming years."

Mortar Board member Emily Saunders was the first to suggest B.O.O.S.T. because she has had the opportunity to see the program in action. Saunders explained that C-N students from different majors work with the children each day after school. They make the work fun by focusing on themes in which the children express an interest – everything from the solar system to zoology and music.

"The kids get to have input. Each day the college student leaders ask the students, 'What have we learned so far?' and it's great because the kids actually remember," Emily explained.

Providing support for B.O.O.S.T. also fulfills all of the chapter's three major goals – scholarship, leadership and service. By the end of the academic year, the Panathenees chapter hopes to raise more funds than any other student organization participating in Re-Action.

Kaylen Mallard, the educational initiatives specialist for C-N's Bonner Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement, is thrilled to have the support. "The B.O.O.S.T. program is extremely honored to have Mortar Board choose it to be the recipient of its Re-Action Campaign. Because of Mortar Board's support we will be able to better serve the educational needs of Jefferson County students and help ensure that these students achieve academic success," she explained.

Kristen Buckles, chapter communications chair

Colorado State University

The Tau Iota Omega chapter recently presented the Poudre School District Partnership and Volunteer Center with \$300 worth of new school supplies for students with financial need.

"With the economy as it is, and the number of families in the community living in poverty, families are just trying to make ends meet, and the need for resources has been high," said Cyndi Gile, volunteer coordinator for the Partnership Center.

"The cost of everything has gone up tremendously, and more and more families are having a hard time getting the necessary school supplies to help their child succeed in school."

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How did the chapter raise this money? First, the chapter bought a 2010-2011 campus parking permit with funds from the chapter's budget, so that all future funds raised could go straight to the cause. Then, for four days, members sold 100 raffle tickets for a chance to win the permit.



Members of the Tau Iota Omega chapter at Colorado State shop for school supplies to support the Poudre School District.

The chapter's influence was expanded when Walmart Supercenter in Fort Collins, Colo., graciously gave Mortar Board a discount of 10 percent on the total amount spent on school supplies – consequently allowing the chapter to buy more with the funds raised.

"The donations we receive from the community are a valuable treasure, and make a world of difference to our students and their success," said Cyndi.

She explained that the center's overall donations had fallen from previous years, so the Mortar Board gift came at the right time. "The Center appreciates Mortar Board's fundraising project and the support of PSD students!"

Asbley Frost, chapter director of communications

Hood College

As members of the Keystone chapter tossed around ideas for events related to scholarship, leadership and service in the first few weeks of the semester, Treasurer Shane Brady suddenly had an question – "why don't we have a dodgeball tournament?" he asked.

This idea immediately took off. Shane and the fundraising committee planned every last detail for the "Mortar Ball" – from how many players could be on a team to plotting tournament brackets. With a strategically affordable registration fee of \$30 (\$5 per player), a total of 12 teams filled the event's capacity. The enthusiastic teams, made up primarily of students, included a few special guest athletes – Hood College President Dr. Ronald Volpe and Dean of Students Dr. Olivia White.

Teams battled for prizes as students cheered them on. In fact, the completely packed campus gym had standing room only, with an estimated 25 percent of the student body present at the tournament. The first place team won dinner with Dean White and the second place team won gift cards to a local restaurant. The team with the best uniform won free t-shirts from Hood's campus bookstore. Eager students have already requested that this event be held each semester, rather than each year. Between registration fees and donations at the door, the chapter raised a total of \$432 for the Virtual Book Drive, meaning children in need in the Frederick, Md. community will receive 216 books!

Dana Davenport, chapter president

Hope College

The magnificent autumn weather in Holland, Mich., has Hope students and Alcor chapter members alike smiling. There's something about fall that excites them, giving members energy and motivation that can't be stopped.

For yet another year, the chapter started with tons of projects and busy schedules. The tradition of collecting books during homecoming continued, allowing the chapter to celebrate the national "Reading is Leading" project and simultaneously support its community.

With October came pumpkins, carving utensils and pumpkin seeds – all signs that Alcor chapter members were again working with Children's After School Achievement (CASA), an after-school tutoring program. In lieu of studies for a few afternoons, chapter members spent their time getting to know students and having some good, messy fun by masterfully carving pumpkins with different groups of CASA students.

Much like the leaves, sunshine and smiles, Relay for Life is another autumn staple at Hope. After claiming the top prize for money raised in 2009, the Alcor chapter aimed to once again compete for the top spot.

When members aren't raking leaves, running relays and carving pumpkins, they are putting plans in motion for the year's projects, such as the chapter's Last Lecture Series, which is off to an exciting start and will feature at least three lectures during the academic year. The first speaker, a well-respected professor in the geology department, presented his lecture in November.

The Alcor chapter remains committed to Mortar Board's values of scholarship, leadership and service. These values can be seen put to work in the planning stages of year's remaining events. At the moment, plans for the Disabilities Prom, Stocking Stuffing for CASA, Thanksgiving dinner for international students, and many others, are in full swing.

Benjamin Thomas, chapter communications chair



Hope College supporter Judy Duthler, 2009-2010 Webmaster Andrea Eddy, Advisor Dr. Dianne Portfleet, 2010-2011 Chapter President Kelsey Bos and 2010-2011 Treasurer Phoebe Burtless-Creps display the Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award, Mortar Board's top chapter award, at the 2010 National Conference.



Twelve dodgeball teams, President Dr. Ronald Volpe, Dean of Students Dr. Olivia White and mascot "Blaze" made the Keystone chapter at Hood College's first-ever Mortar Ball dodgeball tournament a success.

(Photo courtesy DaSbaunda Hilliard, chapter historian)

University of Kansas

The 48 members of the Torch chapter have been quite busy this semester, dividing into committees to focus efforts on the chapter's goals of providing more philanthropy to the community and KU while creating a more cohesive, unified group.

The year's first event, a potluck dinner, was hosted by the devoted members of the Lawrence, Kan., alumni chapter. Active members learned about traditions from previous Mortar Board chapters at KU and from other institutions represented by alumni chapter members.

Focusing on service and the "Reading is Leading" initiative, the chapter volunteered at the Lawrence Public Library's semi-annual book sale. Members helped move books into the sale tents for several hours prior to the start of the weeklong sale and also contributed time and manual labor in tearing everything down at the conclusion of the sale.

Furthermore, 17 members traveled to Kansas City, Mo. to participate in Section 17's service project at Harvesters Community Food Network. There, they worked with members from other Section 17 chapters to assemble more than 2,500 bags of food to be given on Fridays to local grade school students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to eat nutritious food over the weekends.

The chapter will soon be selecting the recipients of its prestigious Outstanding Educator Award, which recognizes faculty members who have made significant effects on members' college careers. The five chosen recipients will be honored at a reception where they will receive plaques and tickets to a Jayhawk basketball game where they will be recognized on the court along with Mortar Board members.

Mathew Shepard, chapter president

Mississippi College

Attending a small school like Mississippi College definitely has its advantages. The first and most significant one that comes to mind is the opportunity to form close relationships — everybody knows everybody, even the faculty and staff.

Years ago, the Cap and Gown chapter saw this particular advantage as a way to not only serve faculty and staff, but to recognize the things they do for the college, and began to hold an annual appreciation event called Smorgasbord. Held just before winter break, Smorgasbord is Mississippi College's most popular party on campus. Chapter members have a variety of responsibilities leading up to this event — they establish a theme, create t-shirts and provide tasty treats for the guests. Although this party sounds perfect already, it wouldn't be Smorgasbord without the famous Recipe Books. Not only does each member bring a sweet and salty treat, but the recipes for everyone's delicious creations are compiled into a recipe book that guests take home as a party favor.

Casey Stevens, chapter president



Pictured here are executive officers of the Delta Alpha chapter at UMKC.

University of Missouri - Kansas City

The Delta Alpha chapter has had an exciting year so far. The chapter doubled in size with the completion of successful fall recruitment, and members are all thrilled about all working with the new initiates.

This semester, the chapter is planning a service project at which members will read to foster children. Everyone is very anxious to participate in this service project, which will incorporate the values of leadership, service and scholarship not only by reading to the children but also by answering their questions, giving them advice, and listening to their goals and dreams of one day becoming a college

student. Members feel that by interacting with the kids we can touch their lives in more ways than reading aloud their favorite story. The positive, influential interactions they hope to build will help to set an example for the children, as well as give them something fun to look forward to. Maybe, some of the children will want to be a part of Mortar Board someday.

Alexandra Armfield, chapter historian

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

The chapter launched the year with a member retreat at a member's family cabin south of Omaha. Of course, they set some fantastic goals for the year — but they also had a great time swimming, skiing and bonding as a group.

When it comes to homecoming, the Black Masque chapter has a tradition of celebrating ... and winning. With enthusiastic participation in their skit, a blood drive and an elaborate float (a theme of "To Big-Ten-ity and Beyond," along with the Space Odyssey theme and the university's addition to the Big Ten Conference beginning in July 2011), Mortar Board won the homecoming competition for student organizations.

The chapter has also participated in a number of service-oriented events, including the Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

One of the chapter's nationally-known traditions is exchanging a giant gavel with the University of Missouri - Columbia Mortar Board chapter during the rivalrous football game. This year, Mizzou members traveled to Lincoln for the game, and members exchanged the gavel dressed in robes and masks in what may be the last year of the tradition since Nebraska is moving to the Big Ten!

Corey Drvol, chapter president



Members of the Black Masque chapter at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln pose at initiation.

University of Northern Colorado

Members of the Gold Key chapter have packed the fall semester with numerous influential projects. Among the community involvement endeavors were a successful clothing drive for local fire victims, a noteworthy food drive to aid restocking of the local county food bank, and catering services at the Women's Gala Event to honor the outstanding women of Weld County. Involvement in the L.E.A.P. (Leaders Engaging in Action through Passion) summit enticed chapter members to gain new leadership insights. The chapter is eagerly awaiting its Favorite Professor Banquet.

Crystal Weigum, chapter communications chair

Northern Illinois University

This semester, the Pleiades chapter has been hard at work implementing the values of leadership, service and scholarship on campus, in the local community and in the world as a whole.

The chapter's leadership initiatives include campus support by hosting a résumé writing workshop to assist departing graduates, as well as global efforts by reaching out to people around the world with a relief and advocacy program called World Vision. Through World Vision, the chapter has collected donations to help children and families in need due to poverty or injustice.

The chapter's devotion to Mortar Board's ideals doesn't stop there. It has close ties with service organizations across the world, including Feed My Starving Children, and locally with Hope Haven. The chapter is also participating in the "Reading is Leading" national project by collecting books for soldiers overseas and is helping out with a community effort called "The Big Read."

To promote the aspects of scholarship, the Pleiades chapter is again hosting "The Last Lecture," an enormously popular and well-attended campus event.

Last but not least, members are helping to form a new local alumni chapter. They recently celebrated the christening of this new chapter with a launch party that was attended by Executive Director Jane Hamblin and hosted by National Foundation Trustee Denise Rode. The Pleiades chapter will be looking for more ways to work with alumni in the future.

Dan Tito, chapter director of communications

Ohio Northern University

The Aurora chapter continues to stay busy with service initiatives around the local community. Through its support of national nonprofit First Book and the Mortar Board Virtual Book Drive, the local library was able to give books to 20 children, along with literature about the importance of literacy and the services that the library offers. Additionally, the chapter has continued its trips to the library to spread the joy of reading as well as its regular service of adopting a highway near campus.

In the spring, new officers and members observed Administrative Professionals Day with the sale and distribution of carnations. The

carnation sale allows the chapter to show its appreciation for those who support their university. The chapter will also recognize faculty with the annual Favorite Professors Dessert, held later in the academic year.

Finally, the chapter has begun work on exam treats, a program that allows parents and guardians of students to purchase a variety of goodies for their students to enjoy during final exams.

Ryan Lowry, chapter communications chair

Queens University of Charlotte

The Orb & Sceptre chapter may have had a slow start since the beginning of the chapter's officer transition, but with some hard work and determination they have kicked the chapter into high speed!

Members have decided to increase their service to the Queens community and the surrounding Charlotte area by attending the following events and service projects this semester: Breast Cancer Walk, sandwich making for the homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity's "A Brush with Kindness," the Boys and Girls Club and drumSTRONG, an attempt to break the planet's record for the longest continuous rhythm drum circle ever held while raising funds for cancer research and awareness.

The chapter is also involved on campus. Every year, the chapter participates in a school tradition called Boar's Head, a celebratory feast and show at which students, faculty and staff join in harmony to celebrate the season of winter and holiday spirit. The chapter is

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also working with the university's student government to receive school funding to help host a Last Lecture in the spring semester.

Kimberly Ernsberger, chapter director of communications

University of Redlands

The W.E.B.S. chapter has a very busy year of service-oriented events planned. To kick things off, members participated in a bake sale at the University of Redlands Benefest. All event proceeds were donated to Invisible Children, an organization established to aid child soldiers kidnapped and forced to fight in the Uganda conflict.

Next, chapter members got dressed up for the Halloween festivities to benefit the Redlands community youth by participating in the Anderson Hall Halloween Carnival. The W.E.B.S. booth highlighted the national "Reading is Leading" program, and happy kids in costumes were able to stop by and experience the "intestine and eyeball" (spaghetti and grape) candy bowl. These visitors were also given a classic children's book to take home. This event was a great way to create "buzz" and get exposure for Mortar Board. Members are creating campus visibility by spreading the word about joining Mortar Board to junior students.

Emily Hudson, chapter director of communications

Rhodes College

Rhodes College has been honored by *Newsweek* as the Top Service-Minded School in the country. The *Newsweek* article boasts that 80 percent of Rhodes students participate in service activities while in college. Each Mortar Board members fall into this statistic, actively participating as leaders of many service organizations on campus. Five members, for example, just started an intentional community (a planned residential community designed to have a much higher degree of teamwork) in an area of high poverty in Memphis. Several other members have recently been abroad to take part in service in Costa Rica and South Africa.

This semester, Torch chapter members are

performing some of that service as a group. In fact, they are taking what many see as a negative experience and turning it into a positive one. The chapter began working inside a local women's prison as book club facilitators in November and are continuing throughout the remainder of the academic year. This project gives the chapter a chance to exemplify the pillars of active participation in Mortar Board: scholarship, leadership and service. Many of the inmates use the book club as positive motivation as well as practice for the GED. Working outside members' comfort zones will constantly challenge their leadership skills and servant-leadership mindsets.

Usually, the book club must "make do" with whatever used books are available, oftentimes resulting in a lack of books for inmates. To help find a solution to this challenge, the chapter has applied for grant funding to purchase books so that each person will have her own copy and have a choice of books to read.

Tyler Turner, chapter president

The University of San Diego

The Alcalá Senior Honor chapter marked its tenth anniversary with a homecoming reunion featuring display boards as a tribute to each class, reception hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Alumni and current members had the rare opportunity to come together at the USD Degheri Alumni Center and celebrate the accomplishments of USD Mortar Board and the role it has played in the university community.

Past members had a chance to share their experiences while in the chapter, and current members greatly enjoyed learning about the achievements of their predecessors. Together, this outstanding group of accomplished members had the chance to reflect on how much the chapter has expanded and evolved in the past decade, and recall what it means to them. After this successful reunion, the chapter looks forward to a tenth year filled with activities and events that honor and celebrate its legacy.

Georgina Santos, chapter communications director

San Diego State University

The Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown chapter finished the 2009-2010 year by welcoming 41 new members with their first annual "Walk for Students Served by Special Education" fundraiser. SSSPED was a 3K walk, developed to provide necessary funding and raise awareness about the significant budget cuts for special education classes in the San Diego School District. Mortar Board members enthusiastically raised \$2,000 in a two-hour time span. The funds were given to five schools for literacy supplies in special education classrooms to go along with the national "Reading is Leading" project.

The chapter's next philanthropic event recognizes those who have served and are serving our country. The chapter will be donating toiletries and nonperishable items to fill more than 100 stockings to send to soldiers overseas. In addition to the items in each stocking, members will include handwritten letters to give a personal touch to these meaningful care packages.

Kelsey Novi, chapter director of communications



SDSU Chapter President Kayleigh Neel (left) and former member Heather Kennedy (right) presented Lindbergh-Schweitzer Elementary School's Special Education Program with funds raised by the chapter.

Section 17

More than 40 members of Mortar Board in Section 17 gathered in Kansas City for the third annual section project at Harvesters Community Food Network. Members from the University of Kansas, the University of Missouri - Kansas City, Stephens College, Washburn University, Wichita State University and William Jewell College gathered to pack

special nonperishable meal packs for Kansas City area children. It was a great time for Mortar Board members to mingle and serve together.

Victoria Lubrs, section coordinator

Section 22

On October 24, more than 50 students from seven chapters in Section 22 participated in the 8th Annual Section Project at the Garden of the Gods Park in Colorado Springs. This year, the group worked on a horse trail that, over the years, has become a deep and dangerous gully. Due to the condition of the trail, it has had to be closed all season while various groups worked on it. Mortar Board volunteers hauled several tons of dirt, large rocks and small rocks up the gully in an effort to build erosion check dams. Volunteers also worked on a new “step” in the trail. These steps will reduce the steepness of the trail and allow the horses to more safely maneuver on the hill.

Seven chapters were represented – Colorado College, Colorado State University, the University of Colorado at Boulder, The University of Denver, the University of Northern Colorado, the University of Utah and the University of Wyoming. This is the second time that the University of Utah has traveled more than eight hours to participate! Advisors from the University of Utah, University of Wyoming and Colorado State University, as well as Mortar Board National President Dan Turner participated in cleaning up this beautiful park.

Dr. David Whitman, section coordinator

University of South Carolina

The Alpha Order chapter has kicked off the fall semester by volunteering in the Columbia, S.C., community. To begin, the chapter held a “Reading is Leading” book drive throughout the month of October to benefit the Waverly Center, an after-school education and enrichment program in the nearby community, entirely founded and run by USC students. It provides a safe place for elementary and middle-school children to be tutored, do homework, play sports and have fun after school at no cost to their caregivers. The Alpha Order chapter is honored and excited to partner with this impressive group of USC students to promote “Reading is Leading” and better the Columbia community.



More than 50 students, advisors and supporters participated in the 8th Annual Section 22 Project at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs.

Since 1988, the Alpha Order chapter has held a tradition of annually recognizing professors who have exhibited excellence in teaching. At the 22nd Annual Excellence in Teaching ceremony in November, Mortar Board members presented the prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award to the top faculty members at the University of South Carolina. Each year students on campus look forward to the announcement of the nominees, and professors pride themselves on becoming recipients.

Mortar Board recently teamed up with another campus honor and leadership society, Omicron Delta Kappa. The organizations jointly hosted the first annual Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa Alumni Networking Social. The University of South Carolina is fortunate to have many alumni of both groups present on campus and in the Columbia community, and our members can learn much from them about their careers, collegiate experiences and the history of our chapters.

Finally, the Alpha Order chapter has welcomed 13 outstanding students, selected through special invitational fall recruitment, to a lifetime of Mortar Board membership. They include the USC student body president and vice president, several members of Phi Beta Kappa, the president of Omicron Delta Kappa, the president of Carolina Service Council, and several recipients of USC’s most prestigious scholarship, the McNair. The chapter will undoubtedly benefit from the addition of these impressive new members, and we are excited to include them in all of our upcoming programming for the 2010-2011 school year.

Lyndsay Yarrison, chapter secretary

The University of Tennessee at Knoxville

The Cap and Gown chapter has started the school year with service projects that include making audio recordings of books for Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic, working at a campus career fair and distributing get well cards to patients at the local children’s hospital.

This year, the chapter plans to become more well-known on campus. Plans are in place to nominate a sophomore and junior of the year, which will raise awareness of Mortar Board to potential applicants on campus. The chapter also plans to establish a scholarship fund for one incoming senior.

Alumni are an important part of every Mortar Board chapter. This year, the chapter has established a special University of Tennessee Mortar Board alumni newsletter to keep our alumni more involved and updated.

Through these efforts, the Cap and Gown chapter of Mortar Board is focused on upholding the high ideals of our organization while continuing its prestigious legacy.

Taylor Griffin, chapter director of communications

Texas Wesleyan University

The Quadrangle chapter participated in Big Brothers Big Sisters’ annual *Bowl for Kids’ Sake* fundraiser. The bowl-a-thon is the organization’s largest fundraising event, which takes place year round in the 55 counties they serve. All of the funds raised at each bowl-a-thon support the children in Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Mortar Board members were responsible for securing sponsorship from friends and family. With the combined efforts of Lambda Kappa Kappa, the chapter was able to raise \$1,150. Both groups enjoyed two games of bowling, food and music at the event. Roughly 50 teams from school organizations and businesses, as well as generous sponsors, supported Big Brothers Big Sisters by participating.

Jennifer Hellstern, chapter secretary and director of communications

Wichita State University

The Fairmount chapter started the year with an idea of some projects in which they all wanted to participate – “Reading is Leading,” Trick or Treat for UNICEF, Lights on the Lake at Heartspring, the Alzheimer’s Walk and the Section 17 project. Members have already formed a strong bond and are geared up to fill the year with projects devoted to scholarship, leadership and service.

So far, the chapter has followed through on many of these anticipated projects. First, several members helped raise more than \$200 for the Alzheimer’s Walk. The following day, a separate group of members traveled to Kansas City for the Section 17 project at Harvesters Community Food Network. The chapter also spent some time getting Mortar Board’s name out on campus by participating in several informational booths and a banner competition to help raise visibility.

Natasha Ward and Tyler Thornton, chapter historians

University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

It has been a fun-filled, busy year for the members of the Gold Caps chapter already. First, the chapter lined up many exciting service projects for the semester to carry out Mortar Board’s mission of service, such as working with the Eau Claire chapter of First Book to celebrate “Reading is Leading.”

A program dedicated solely to leadership development, “Leadership in Action Day,” was held for the first time April and was recognized with a national Project Excellence Award at the 2010 Mortar Board National Conference. The daylong career shadow program paired undergraduate students with university faculty and administrators to develop a greater understanding of leadership and service.

Members not only serve their community, but their campus as well. Chapter members act as mediators at the Chancellor’s Round Table campus discussion events, held consistently throughout the semester.

Beth Ascher, chapter director of communications

Western New England College

The 2009-2010 academic year came to a close for the Pynchon class of 2010 and began for the class of 2011 with participation in a joint service project. Following initiation during a joint orientation, all members joined forces to paint stained glass sun catchers for a local assisted living home. Chapter members feel this project was a perfect program to break the ice and give something back to the community.

Meg McNatt, 2009-2010 chapter vice president

Alumni updates

Denver alumni chapter holds awards luncheon

More than 50 members attended the Metro Denver Mortar Board Alumni Chapter’s annual awards luncheon in May. President Anna Mae Duffy (The University of Denver, 1952) presided over the spring affair, which featured guest speaker Marion Downs, a Denver author of more than 100 articles and books. Marion, who was tapped for Mortar Board in 1934 at the University of Minnesota but was never initiated as she deferred her education at the time, was surprised to be initiated as an honorary member at the luncheon.

Over the years, this event has celebrated the alumni chapter’s founding and allowed the chapter to award fellowships – \$15,500 total to eight students since 2000! The 2010 fellowship was presented to Ben Henderson (The University of Denver, 2010) by scholarship committee member Nora Johnson (The University of Denver, 2004) in the absence of chair Dee Netzel (University of Wisconsin - Madison, 1948).

Yellow roses adorned with Mortar Board’s colors of gold and silver were presented to alumni chapter members who were tapped for Mortar Board 60 or more years ago. They were Eugenia Berger (The University of Kansas, 1945), Margaret Cassario (The University of Denver, 1941), Ruth Dolberg (The University of Denver, 1948), Lue Eason (The University of Denver, 1950), Doris Finnie-Shade (The University of Denver, 1940), Jo Gehle (The Ohio State University, 1950), Dorothy Goe (The University of Denver, 1944), Dorothy Mauk (Middlebury College, 1948), Florence Northway (The University of Denver, 1940), Doris Steinke (The University of Denver, 1948), Pat Tilton (The University of Denver, 1949) and Marilyn Wimmer (The University of Denver, 1948).

Doris Finnie-Shade, former alumni chapter president

University of Wyoming Class of 1959 holds reunion

Members of the Cap and Gown chapter class of 1959 gathered after more than 50 years to reminisce about their Mortar Board year and to share what they’ve experienced since then at a class reunion. Nearly all of the 11 original members of the class were present at the two-day event. Eight were in attendance in Laramie, Wyo. and two were included by conference call.

A highlight for many of the members, who now live across the country, was a campus tour exploring the landscaped Honors Court, dedicated in 2007 in memory of chapter advisor Dean of Women E. Luella Galliver, the chapter’s devoted advisor from 1934 to 1964.

A finale luncheon included alumnae from other “Galliver years” who joined in looking ahead to future opportunities. Leading that discussion was Charlotte Hearne Davis, who began a Mortar Board career at the University of Wyoming when this class tapped her in 1959, and later as dean of women herself, served 37 years as chapter advisor.

Jan Erisman, Class of 1959 alumna

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Bowling Green State University

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Case Western Reserve University

Chapman University

Chatham University

University of Cincinnati

Cornell University

Denison University

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DePauw University

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The University of Findlay

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Stephens College

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Troy University

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The University of Vermont

Washburn University

Washington University in St. Louis

West Virginia University

West Virginia Wesleyan College

Westminster College

Wichita State University

Willamette University

William Jewell College

Project Excellence Award

University of Arkansas

Colorado State University (2 awards)

Cornell College (2 awards)

Eastern Kentucky University

Florida State University

Fort Hays State University

Hope College (8 awards)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

University of Mississippi

University of Montana

The University of Nebraska – Kearney

(2 awards)

University of North Dakota

Oklahoma State University (2 awards)

San Diego State University (8 awards)

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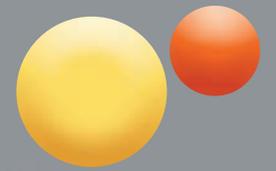
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Tracy Ann Elleard (Auburn University, 2005), left, is the Director of Communications and Programs for Omicron Delta Kappa Society in Lexington, Va. Mother Deborah Ann Kelly Elleard (University of South Alabama, 1972) is a first grade teacher at Sherwood Elementary School in Pensacola, Fla.



The Smiths

Eileen Roach Smith (The Ohio State University, 1965), left, and daughter Maggie Smith (Ohio Wesleyan University, 2010), are both proud members of Mortar Board.



Three Eddleman sisters pose for their Mortar Board photo in Indianapolis: Susan Eddleman Gregory (Purdue University, 1986), left, Donna Eddleman Sweeney (Ball State University, 1995) and Julie Eddleman (Purdue University, 1991).



Corey Drvol (University of Nebraska - Lincoln), left, and his mother Robin (Younger) Drvol (University of Nebraska - Lincoln, 1981), were both initiated into the Black Masque chapter. Corey is majoring in nutrition, exercise and health science and Robin is an administrative assistant for the MidAmerica District of the Christian Missionary Alliance in Omaha, Neb.



*"Being able to share this special Mortar Board connection with my mother has been an amazing opportunity. My mother has always taught us to be our best self in all that we do, and do above all-- Be proud for others to look up to you! I am happy that I was able to follow in her footsteps by becoming a leader on campus and having the honor of being inducted into Mortar Board."
- Tracy Ann Elleard*



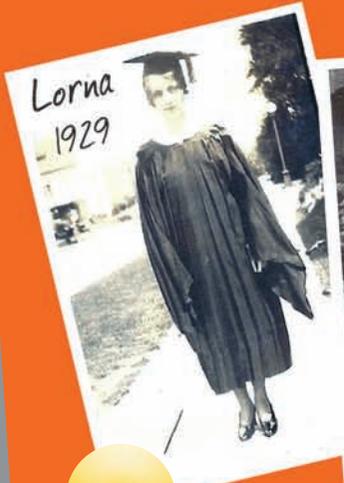
Rebecca & Sarah

Cousins Rebecca Silverblatt (University of Texas at Austin, 2004), left, who works at the Teach for America headquarters in New York, and Sarah Cohen (Washington University in St. Louis, 2010), an urban studies and Spanish major, were initiated at universities nearly 1,000 miles away!



Nan R. Barash (University of Arizona, 1982) and her mother Mimi Ungar Barash Coppersmith (The Pennsylvania State University, 1953) are both members.





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Susan
1953



Elizabeth
1980

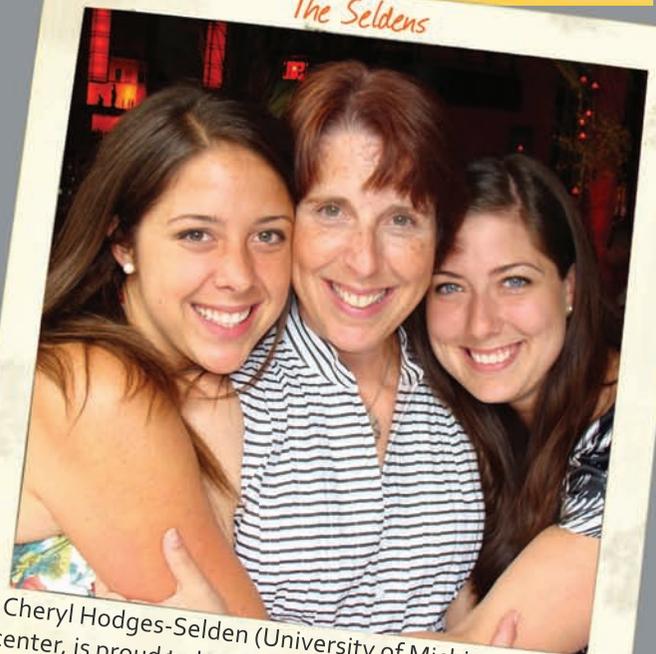
This family has three generations of members - the late Lorna E. (Slipper) Moitoret (University of Washington, 1928), left, a lifelong advertising professional; her daughter Susan M. (Moitoret) Flexer (Whitman College, 1952), center, an English literature graduate and active volunteer; and Susan's daughter Elizabeth L. Flexer, Ph.D. (University of Puget Sound, 1979), a health economics professional.



Siblings Robert Ingram (Louisiana State University, 2008), left, and Elizabeth Ingram (Louisiana State University, 2010) both worked at summer internships in petroleum engineering at ConocoPhillips in New Mexico.

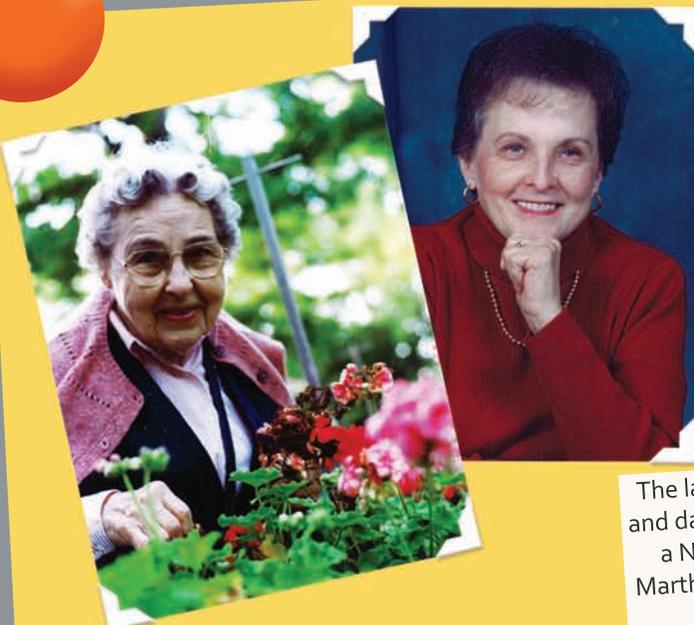


Both Amy Hultquist (Augustana College, 2008), left, and her mother Nancy Reed Hultquist (Augustana College, 1976) were each president of the Aglaia chapter!



The Seldens

Cheryl Hodges-Selden (University of Michigan, 1977), center, is proud to have her daughters wear her Mortar Board pin! Chelsea Selden (University of Michigan, 2010), left, and Clare Selden (University of Michigan, 2008) share the family tradition of leadership through Mortar Board.



The late Frances Aicher Lewis (Kansas State University, 1936), left, and daughter Martha Lewis Starling (Kansas State University, 1962), a National Foundation trustee, shared a love for Mortar Board. Martha has even started an endowed fund with Mortar Board in her mother's name!



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