

LEADING MORTAR BOARD NATIONAL COLLEGE SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY

LEADERS

A resource for chapters and advisors



September 2021

UPCOMING DATES

DUE IMMEDIATELY NEW OFFICER REPORT and OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP REPORTS (OMR)

Send reports to
reports@mortarboard.org

PLAY A PART IN THE MORTAR BOARD STORE!

[Take this quick survey](#) to let the National Office know what kind of merchandise you want to see in the store!

**DUE SEPTEMBER 8
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY**
Join Mortar Board in celebrating International Literacy Day by posting a story on Instagram with you and the book you are currently reading. Make sure to tag us @mortar_board!

DUE SEPTEMBER 30 CONFERENCE ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) APPLICATION

The Conference Advisory Board (CAB) is a group of members who assist in the planning and execution of the national conference. Any collegiate member or recent alum of Mortar Board is eligible to apply. [Learn more and apply here!](#)

DUE SEPTEMBER 30 CHAPTER ACTION PLAN

This form will help you plan your year, including the all-important task of selecting the next class of members. [Find it here!](#) For FAQs about CAPs [click here](#).



Happy National Literacy Month!

September is National Literacy Month and at Mortar Board, we are so excited to celebrate! Strong literacy skills are essential skills for the development and growth of a community and our nation as a whole. However, literacy can easily be taken for granted as something that many of us have had the majority of our lives. This month is one to cherish because it helps to increase the awareness of low-literate populations within communities all over the country.

Mortar Board members have had national projects since the Society's founding. In 2002, the delegates passionately decided to create the "Reading is Leading" initiative as the Society's permanent national project. During September - National Literacy Month - let's celebrate the power of literacy.

September 8 marks the celebration of International Literacy Day - join Mortar Board in supporting this day by posting on social media with the book you are currently reading and tagging us @mortar_board!

Join the MBAA Book Club on
September 21,
7:30 p.m. Eastern!

OCTOBER 11-15 AND OCTOBER 25-29

CHAPTER OFFICER WEBINARS

Webinars will be held for officers the second and fourth weeks of October. Any chapter not represented at conference must have an officer in attendance at webinar trainings. Indicate your plans to attend [here](#).

DUE OCTOBER 1

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FORUM SUBMISSIONS

A picture is worth a thousand words. Chapter officers in charge of communications, report what your chapter is doing. Write a little and send a great photo!

[Submit News Here](#)

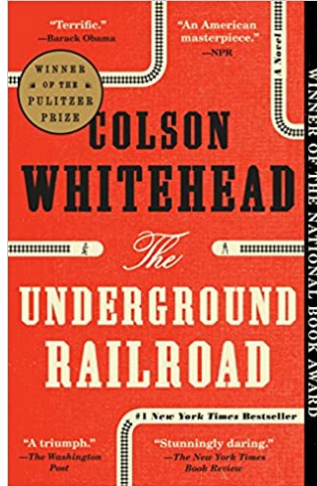


Promotional Materials

You can print them yourself. Go to [General Brochures](#)

NATIONAL GOVERNANCE

On or before October 15
Propose amendments to the [Bylaws](#) for consideration by the Governance Committee. All proposed changes or general suggestions should be emailed to [Kirsten Fox](#), executive director.



The MBAA Book Club is reading *The Underground Railroad* by Pulitzer Prize Winner, Colson Whitehead. This alternate history novel tells the story of Cora and Caesar, two slaves in the antebellum South, who make a bid for freedom from their Georgia plantation by following the Underground Railroad.

[Register for the Book Club!](#)

Conference Videos Available

Conference recordings for Chapter Ops and Leadership Sessions are available at [Conference Recordings](#)

Draw your officers' and members attention to them!



Congratulations on Chapter Awards

Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award

Judy Lewis Logue Alcala chapter
University of San Diego

Freeman and Fox Most Improved Chapter

Lux chapter
Case Western Reserve University

Individual Awards

Starlington Prize for
Extraordinary Mortar Board Membership

Hanna Bobinger (University of South Alabama, 2019)

Advisor of the Year

Rev. Dave Wright (University of Puget Sound)

Ms. Margie Jones (Purdue University)

Dr. Perla Myers (University of San Diego)

Section Coordinator of the Year

Marie Brulenski, Section 3

Blair Canedy, Section 12

Student Rep Corner



Stay tuned for monthly insights from Student Representatives at-Large, Chaela Minor (Purdue University, 2020) and Margaret Meierhenry (University of South Dakota, 2021).

Join **Slack**! This is an easy way to stay connected with your Section Coordinators, the National Leadership and us! Ask questions from other collegiate members and keep updated with the latest news in Mortar Board. Use the QR code to be directed to our Slack Channel!

Chapter Chatter Zoom Room

Team up with the Student Reps for an opportunity to engage in casual conversation, ask questions, meet members from across the country and more!

Join us on Zoom

- September 13, 1 p.m. Eastern
- September 29, 8 p.m. Eastern

Chapter Pulse!

Take this brief survey to let the Student-Reps know about your chapter's successes and struggles!





Chaela Minor (Purdue University, 2020)

Chaela is a 2020 Mortar Board initiate of the Barbara Cook chapter at Purdue University. She served as the Vice President of Administration for her chapter and was elected to the Student Rep position in August of 2020. A May 2021 graduate, Chaela majored in Agricultural Systems Management and Agribusiness Management. She is currently working as a Marketing Representative for John Deere in Des Moines, Iowa. In her free time, Chaela enjoys taking her pup, Tiller, on walks, traveling to National Parks and planning her and her fiancé Nic's wedding.



Margaret Meierhenry (University of South Dakota, 2021)

Margaret is a 2021 Mortar Board initiate of the Keystone chapter at the University of South Dakota. Margaret serves as the Vice President of her chapter and was elected to the Student Rep position in August 2021. She will graduate with a degree in political science and musical arts in May 2023. In her free time, Margaret enjoys hammocking, singing opera, spending time with her friends and family and hiking with her dogs.



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WITH BACK-TO-CLASS GEAR

