



SCHOLARSHIP - LEADERSHIP - SERVICE  
SINCE 1918



# MORTAR BOARD

National College Senior Honor Society

# From the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

At Mortar Board, we are committed to acknowledging and encouraging the exceptional talents, achievements, and potential of college seniors. We recognize that their journey through higher education has been marked by dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence. As they approach this pivotal milestone in their academic career, we believe their hard work and accomplishments deserve to be recognized and celebrated.

We were established with the primary goal of recognizing outstanding senior students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. For over 100 years, we have firmly believed that these three pillars not only represent individual accomplishments, but also the potential to make a positive impact on their communities and the world at large.

By becoming a member, students will gain access to a dynamic community of over 300,000 alumni who are proven leaders with a commitment to helping others. Institutions will benefit by engaging their top scholar-leaders to serve the campus community while also cultivating future committed alumni.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to join Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society and become part of a tradition of excellence that has been a cornerstone of academic achievement for generations.

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Executive Director

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# Our STORY



Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership, and service.

In 1915, a wearer of a gold pin in the shape of a mortarboard met another wearer of a pin - not like her own, but also in the shape of a mortarboard. Each one represented a group of senior college women striving to render service to their alma mater. The two talked together. If such an ideal existed on two American campuses, it probably existed on many other campuses across the country. Working to generate interest from similar societies elsewhere, **on February 15, 1918, delegates from five universities met and together founded Mortar Board.**

In 1975, a historic event occurred when membership in our formerly all women's organization was extended to include men as a result of Title IX, which prohibited sex discrimination by organizations on campuses that are recipients of federal funds. The purpose of the Society was strengthened to include emphasis upon the advancement of the status of women. One year later in 1976, we added to the purpose "... to promote equal opportunities among all peoples." **And thus formalized Mortar Board's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.**

The society has grown steadily since our founding over 105 years ago. Now there are 235 chartered collegiate chapters across the United State. **Our last two chapters were installed in 2023 at Life University and the College of Charleston.**

Since 1918, more than 300,000 members have been initiated into Mortar Board, and we are thrilled that our new members continue to celebrate our history and create new traditions that will keep our society great in the future.

Our purpose is to promote equal opportunities among all peoples; emphasize the advancement of the status of women; support the ideals of the college or university; advance a spirit of scholarship; recognize and encourage leadership; provide service; contribute to the self-awareness of its members; and establish the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas as individuals and as a group.

# INSTITUTIONAL BENEFITS

Institutions with active Mortar Board chapters receive countless benefits for engaging their top scholar-leaders.

**Recognition of Excellence:**

Hosting a Mortar Board chapter showcases the institution's commitment to recognizing and celebrating academic excellence, leadership, and service among its senior students.

**Campus and Community**

**Engagement:** The society encourages community service projects, fostering a culture of engagement and philanthropy on campus and in the surrounding community.

**Leadership Development:**

Mortar Board provides leadership development opportunities for its members, which can contribute to a vibrant campus community and produce future leaders for the institution.

**Sense of Belonging:** Mortar Board provides improved connections within the campus chapter, as well as on campus and in local communities. Mortar Board creates inclusive spaces to foster and enhance a sense of belonging for students.

**Enhanced Campus Life:** The presence of a Mortar Board chapter can contribute to campus life by organizing events, lectures, and service projects that benefit the entire campus community.

**Networking:** Mortar Board's nationwide network of chapters and alumni provides valuable networking opportunities for both current members and graduates, enhancing their post-graduation career prospects and the institution's alumni relations.

**Alumni Engagement:** An active chapter will reengage Mortar Board Alumni as they return to volunteer with their chapter and your institution.

**Positive Campus Culture:**

Mortar Board promotes a culture of academic achievement and service, aligning with the institution's educational mission and values.

**Institutional Collaboration:**

Our chapters often collaborate with other campus organizations and departments, fostering a sense of unity and shared goals.



# MEMBER BENEFITS

Mortar Board's lifetime membership gives you both instant value and benefits you can utilize for years to come.

## **Professional Development:**

Mortar Board offers workshops, seminars, and events that enhance members' professional development and career readiness.

**Personal Growth:** Through participation in Mortar Board, members grow personally, develop hard and soft skills, and establish a deeper sense of civic responsibility.

**Camaraderie:** Members form strong bonds with fellow students who share their commitment to scholarship, leadership, and service.

**Recognition:** Membership in Mortar Board is a prestigious honor that shows high achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service.

## **Leadership Development:**

Mortar Board provides opportunities for members to further develop their leadership skills through involvement in chapter activities and projects.

## **Scholarships and Awards:**

Mortar Board offers fellowships for members pursuing graduate degrees. We recognize individuals and chapters for their successes through collegiate and alumni awards.

## **Opportunities to Give Back:**

Mortar Board members give back to their communities and campuses through service initiatives, making a positive impact.

## **Resume Enhancement:**

Being a member of Mortar Board is a notable addition to your resume, demonstrating your commitment to excellence and service.

**Networking:** Members become part of a strong alumni network of over 300,000 accomplished individuals. This network can be valuable for future career opportunities, professional development, and personal growth.

**National Involvement:** As a student governed and alumni advised National Society, members have numerous opportunities to take on national leadership roles while engaging in critical decision making at a national level.

# Meet Our COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

**Adrian College****Agnes Scott College****Albion College****Alcorn State University**

Arizona State University

**Auburn University****Augustana College****Ball State University**

Baylor University

**Beloit College****Berea College****Birmingham-Southern College**

Boston University

**Bowling Green State University**

Bradley University

**Bucknell University****Butler University**

California Polytechnic St. Univ.

California State University

California State University

Channel Islands

**Carleton College****Carnegie Mellon University****Carson-Newman University****Case Western Reserve****University****Central Michigan University****Chapman University**

Chatham University

Clemson University

**Coe College****College of Charleston****College of William and Mary**

Colorado State University

Converse College

Cornell College

Cornell University

**Denison University**

DePauw University

Drake University

Drury University

Duquesne University

**Eastern Illinois University**

Eastern Kentucky University

Eastern Michigan University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University

Emory University

**Endicott College**

Fisk University

Florida International University

**Florida State University**

Fort Hays State University

George Washington University

Georgia State University

Grinnell College

**Grove City College****Hanover College****Hood College****Hope College**

Idaho State University

**Illinois State University**

Illinois Wesleyan University

Indiana State University

**Indiana University**

Indiana University of

Pennsylvania

Iowa State University

**Jackson State University**

James Madison University

**Kansas State University**

Kent State University

Knox College

Lake Erie College

Lakeland College

**Lawrence University****Lenoir-Rhyne University****Life University****Longwood University**

Louisiana State University

Louisiana Tech University

**Lyon College**

MacMurray College

Miami University

Michigan State University

Middle Tennessee State

University

Middlebury College

Midwestern State University

**Mississippi College**

Mississippi State University

Mississippi University for Women

**Monmouth College**

Montana State University

New Mexico State University

**North Dakota State University**

Northern Arizona University

**Northern Illinois University****Northern Michigan University**

Northwest Missouri State

University

**Northwestern University**

Occidental College

**Ohio Northern University**

Ohio University

**Ohio Wesleyan University****Oklahoma Baptist University****Oklahoma State University****Oregon State University**

Oregon State University

Cascades

Otterbein University

Pacific Lutheran University

Pomona College

**Purdue University**

Queens University of Charlotte

**Rhodes College**

Rowan University

**Salem College****San Diego State University**

Seattle Pacific University

South Dakota State University

**Southern Methodist University****Southern Nazarene University**

Spelman College

St. Lawrence University

Stephens College



Stetson University  
Swarthmore College  
Tennessee Technological University  
Texas A & M University  
Texas Christian University  
**Texas Tech University**  
Texas Wesleyan University  
Texas Woman's University  
The American University  
The Colorado College  
**The Ohio State University**  
**The Pennsylvania State University**  
The University of Akron  
**The University of Alabama**  
The University of Denver  
**The University of Findlay**  
The University of Georgia  
The University of Iowa  
**The University of Kansas**  
The University of Miami  
The University of New Hampshire  
**The University of New Mexico**  
**The University of Northern Colorado**  
**The University of Oklahoma**  
**The University of Pennsylvania**  
**The University of South Dakota**  
The University of Texas at Austin  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
**The University of Toledo**  
**The University of Tulsa**  
**The University of Vermont**  
Trinity University  
**Troy University**  
**Tulane University**  
University at Buffalo  
**University of Arizona**  
University of Arkansas  
University of California, Berkeley

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University of Central Missouri  
University of Central Oklahoma  
**University of Cincinnati**  
University of Colorado  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Evansville  
University of Florida  
**University of Hawaii at Manoa**  
University of Houston  
University of Idaho  
University of Illinois  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisiana at Monroe  
**University of Louisville**  
**University of Mary Washington**  
**University of Maryland**  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
University of Memphis  
University of Michigan  
**University of Minnesota, Duluth**  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
**University of Mississippi**  
**University of Missouri - Columbia**  
University of Missouri - Kansas City  
**University of Montana**  
**University of Nebraska - Lincoln**  
**University of Nebraska at Kearney**  
**University of North Dakota**  
**University of North Texas**  
**University of Oregon**  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Puget Sound  
**University of Redlands**  
University of Rhode Island  
**University of Richmond**  
**University of San Diego**

**University of South Alabama**  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Florida  
**University of Southern California**  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
University of Tennessee at Knoxville  
**University of the Pacific**  
University of Utah  
**University of Washington**  
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee  
**University of Wyoming**  
Utah State University  
Valparaiso University  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
**Wake Forest University**  
**Washburn University**  
Washington State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wayne State University  
Wesleyan College  
**West Texas A & M University**  
**West Virginia University**  
West Virginia Wesleyan College  
Western Carolina University  
Western Illinois University  
Western Michigan University  
**Western New England University**  
Westminster College  
Whitman College  
**Wichita State University**  
Willamette University  
**William Jewell College**  
Wittenberg University  
**Xavier University**



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*Vision: To be scholars chosen for leadership,  
committed to service, united for equity.*

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