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Did you miss Mortar Board's 2023 National Conference? Well, don't worry, we've got all the details for you.

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Mortar Board National Conference 2023

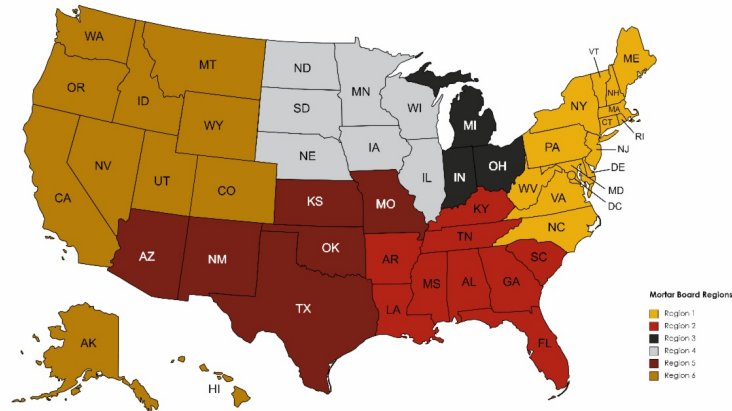
The Mortar Board National Conference was held virtually from Friday, July 14, through Sunday, July 16, 2023, and it was a rousing success! From collegiate delegates and alumni, to award winners and Fellows, to national leaders and volunteers - there was something for everyone. This year's theme, *Be the Change*, inspired attendees to lead Mortar Board as change agents learning, sharing, making new friends and connections, and planning for the upcoming year.

Then National President Katie Chick opened the conference with her "I am Mortar Board" statement and now National President Dr. Cassandra Lucas closed the conference with hers. Although we are all Leaders and Scholars united in service, that looks different for everyone. Look at our "I am Mortar Board" video and then send us your statement or video.



Submit your - I am Mortar Board - video or

Did you know that Mortar Board has six regions, each guided by a team of resourceful Section Coordinators (SCs)? This year's conference introduced our SC teams at several **Regional Meet-ups**.



Business Meeting

As a student-led organization, we have two Student Representatives at-Large to the Mortar Board National Council. Each serves for two years and is elected during alternate years of the National Conference.

2023 saw three candidates for the Student Rep position and the chapter delegates selected **Gabrielle Tessier** (University of Hawaii at Manoa). She's eager to represent Mortar Board collegiate members! Congratulations!



The Mortar Board National Conference offered attendees a number of **Professional Development Sessions** to attend. Did you have to choose between two favorites? Don't worry because we saved them and they are available to watch on our YouTube channel.

Mortar Board's YouTube Channel



Alumni Awards Ceremony and Candlelight Banquet

Saturday night brought collegiate and alumni members together for the Alumni Awards Ceremony and the Candlelight Banquet. We were proud to recognize our 2023 Fellowship Recipients, Emerging Leaders, Alumni Achievement awardees, and our Distinguished Lifetime Membership winners. You can watch the ceremony by visiting our YouTube Channel review the Award winners in our annual Awards Program, both below.

[Watch the Candlelight and Alumni Awards Ceremony](#)

[View the Awards Program](#)

DEI&B Panel on Inclusion & Belonging

Candi Hironaka Pitts (Oregon State University, 1971), Chair of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEI&B) Standing Committee facilitated a panel of students who discussed how their chapters are leveraging innovative ways to work on achieving our goals on Inclusion & Belonging.



Leadership Change within the National Council

The Closing Session of the National Conference included the final Business Meetings, successes celebrated and prizes awarded, the conference T-shirt design selected, and a charge from Mortar Board's new National President - Dr. Cassandra Lucas (Purdue University, 1994). Cas inspired all Mortar Board's to *Be the Change!*



Want to Be the Change? Volunteer for Mortar Board

Mortar Boards are service-minded people. No matter how much time you have, there's a volunteer job for you with Mortar Board. Write for the *Forum*, serve on a committee, visit a collegiate chapter, or host a networking event. Fill out the Volunteer Interest Form and you'll be serving and having fun with other leaders soon! #Service

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