



MBITS

news, tips and benefits



Be The Change: Fund The Future

As we gather with friends and family in November, it is a time to reflect on reasons to be thankful. At Mortar Board, we are thankful for our members' enduring commitment to the ideals of Mortar Board, allowing us to be a successful Society for over 100 years. We want to ensure this tradition of excellence for future generations of Mortar Board by launching our annual campaign, "Be the Change: Fund the Future." With a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to making a positive impact on our members and our future, we're inviting everyone to join us.

Mortar Board's ideals - Scholarship, Leadership, and Service - have provided a space for the brightest minds to create a better future. Our fall fundraiser encapsulates these ideals perfectly and serves as a reminder of the transformative nature of both our purpose and of collective action. "Be the Change: Fund the Future" is an opportunity for everyone to contribute and be a part of something bigger than themselves. Channeling resources toward initiatives that will shape our Society for the better, your funds will support need-based memberships, new affinity groups, and a new Career Connections series.

Please join us in making a profound difference in Mortar Board's future. Be part of a community that believes in the power of scholarship, leadership, and service to shape a brighter future. Let's **Be the Change**; and together, let's **Fund the Future**.

Volunteer Leadership Summit

35 Mortar Boards representing the National Council, Foundation Board of Trustees, Section Coordinators, the National Office staff, and a handful of collegiate members joined together September 22 - 24 for a National Volunteer Leadership Summit.

These incredible members dove into important society-wide topics around National Conference, Membership, Governance, and Fundraising. We discussed the third year of our 3-Year Strategic Plan, and our focus on the lifelong value of involvement, an increase in collegiate membership, ways to best foster a sense of belonging, and implementing effective advising models for our chapters. The summit was framed in a conversation around Higher Education and College Students Today and the State of Mortar Board.

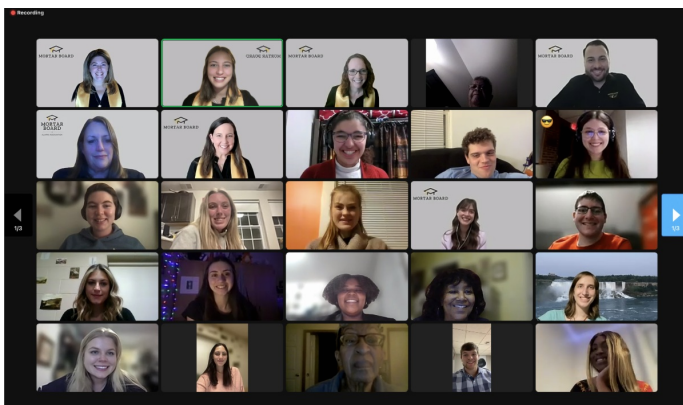


In true Mortar Board fashion, there was also time for connecting, camaraderie, and a little college football watching!

Interested in serving as a National Leader or Mortar Board volunteer? Let us know!

Volunteer for Mortar Board

Fall Selection and Virtual Initiation



This year more than a dozen chapters held Fall Selections. Though Mortar Board selection is typically held in the Spring, these chapters chose to put in the extra work to recruit and select an additional Fall group to ensure their chapter numbers stay healthy and their membership remains strong. We are grateful to the chapters who make this step toward sustainability, and we're thrilled to welcome the

new members joining us this fall.

The National Virtual Initiation was held on Sunday, November 5, and initiated members from six chapters. Fifty-five new members, national and chapter leaders, and family and friends were in attendance. National President **Dr. Cassandra Lucas** (Purdue University, 1994) presided over the Initiation, with contributions from national leaders **Nathan Cordle** (The University of Alabama, 2011), **Kathryn E. Chick** (Hood College, 2006), **Annie Mascia** (University of South Alabama, 2021), and **Dr. Kirsten Fox** (The Ohio State University, 1996).



MORTAR BOARD FELLOWSHIPS

Applications for our fellowships are open through March 15

For more information and to apply go to:
<https://mortarboard.org/awards-fellowships/fellowship-application/>

2024 - 2025 Fellowships

Are you continuing your education? Apply for a Mortar Board Fellowship. Open only to Mortar Boards, these Fellowships have been generously endowed by Mortar Board alumni, and we invite you to apply.

Apply for a Fellowship

Coming Up...

Giving Tuesday - November 28
MBAA Holiday Social Hour - December 3
Special National Conference - January 28
Mortar Board Week - February 12-16
MB National Conference - July 25-July 28

Save THE Date

Join MBAA to Attend the Holiday Social Hour



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