





# **National Conference**

July 26-28, 2024 Columbus, Ohio

# Welcome to Mortar Board National Conference 2024!



This weekend is about learning, leading, celebrating, and connecting. The conference will provide you with the chance to learn more about the Society, engage in leadership and professional development sessions, network and build regional and national rapport, and have fun with other inspiring leaders!

Columbus, Ohio is a special place to hold our National Conference. In February of 1918, collegiate members founded the first and only national honor society for senior women, Mortar Board. One of the four founding chapters (and my alma mater), The Ohio State University, is located right here in Columbus. Columbus, Ohio has also served as the home of our National Office since it was first established in 1970.

Today, 106 years after our founding, we welcome close to 200 attendees from nearly 100 Mortar Board chapters. Our attendees are collegiate delegates, chapter advisors, Mortar Board alumni, and National Leaders. This weekend, you are among other smart and talented leaders who serve many campuses and communities.

Thank you to the Mortar Board National Foundation and our many conference supporters who generously donated to support the conference and our Adopt-a-Chapter program. Without their generosity, this conference would not have been possible, and many of our chapters would not be in attendance. Thank you for passing the torch to the next generation.

Welcome to MBNC 2024! Engage often, enjoy the camaraderie, connect with each other, and have fun.

In scholarship, leadership, and service,

Kirsten F. Fox

Dr. Kirsten F. Fox. Executive Director

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# **Schedule**









# FRIDAY, JULY 26

11am - 6pm	<b>Registration Open</b> 2nd Floor Foyer	5pm - 6pm	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> Hayes ABC	
11am - 6pm	<b>Luggage Storage Open</b> Hayes D	6pm - 6:45pm	<b>Business Meeting</b> Hayes ABC	
11am - 10pm	<b>Advisor and Alumni Lounge Open</b> Executive Meeting Room	6:45pm - 7:15pm	Student Representative Candidates Meeting •	
1pm - 3pm	Pre-Conference Activities •		Hayes ABC	
	<b>Advisor Training</b> Meeting Room 31	7pm - 9pm	<b>Social at Pins Mechanical Co.</b> Meet in 2nd Floor Foyer	
	Career Connections Meeting Room 30		Pins Mechanical Co. is a 5-minute walk from the hotel. Please let a staff member know if you	
	<b>OSU Campus Tour</b> Meet in 2nd Floor Foyer		need assistance.	
	Service Project Meeting Room 22	9:30pm - 10pm	Student Representative Candidates Meeting • Meeting Room 22	
3pm - 5pm	<b>Exhibits Open</b> 2nd Floor Foyer	9:30pm - 10pm	Mortar Board Singers Rehearsal • Meeting Room 30	
3pm	Conference Begins	9:30pm - 11pm	Mortar Board Escape Game •	
3pm - 4pm	Region Meetings and Advisor Meeting		Hayes D	
		11pm	Deadline to Submit Intent to Run for Student Representative •	
	Region 1 Meeting Room 31			

• OPTIONAL

Those interested in running for Student Representative at-Large should attend one of the candidate meetings on Friday evening and submit their intent to run by the deadline, at bit.ly/ studentrep2024 or using the QR code.



# Service Partner

**Region 2** Meeting Room 32 **Region 3** Meeting Room 30

**Region 4** Meeting Room 33 **Region 5** Meeting Room 34

Region 6 Meeting Room 35

Break and Hotel Check-In

Welcome Reception

2nd Floor Foyer

Advisors Executive Meeting Room



# **SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO**

4pm - 4:30pm

4:30pm - 5pm

Through our shared experience and love of sports, Special Olympics Ohio creates a sense of connectedness in an inclusive culture. We provide a space for individuals, families, and community partners to come together as we focus on the courage, strength, and skill of athletes. Because the need for belonging is always urgent, our signature sports and community-based fundraising events take place throughout the year so that everyone has the opportunity to contribute and be valued members of their communities.

# **SATURDAY, JULY 27**

SATORDAT, SOLT 27				
7am - 7:45am	Wellness Walk in  Downtown Columbus •  Meet in 2nd Floor Foyer	2:30pm - 3pm	Conference Nominating and Credentials Committee Meeting • Renaissance Conference Room	
7:45am - 9:30am	<b>Breakfast</b> 2nd Floor Foyer	3pm - 3:40pm	Professional Development Sessions (choose one)	
8am - 3pm	<b>Exhibits Open</b> 2nd Floor Foyer		Keys to Success: Building an Award-Winning Chapter	
8am - 6pm	<b>Registration Open</b> 2nd Floor Foyer		Hayes E <b>The Power of a Multi</b> -	
8am - 10pm	<b>Advisor and Alumni Lounge Open</b> Executive Meeting Room		<b>Generational Team</b> Hayes D	
8am - 8:30am	Region Rooms Open		Unified Leadership Meeting Room 30	
8am - 8:30am	Committee Meetings •		•	
9am - 9:30am	Conference Nominating and Credentials Committee	3:45pm - 4:25pm	Professional Development Sessions (choose one)	
	Renaissance Conference Room  Conference Committee		Considering Graduate School?  Advice from the Inside  Hayes E	
	on Resolutions and		-	
	<b>Recommendations</b> Meeting Room 22		Far from Lazy: A Conversation with a CEO Hayes D	
	<b>Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,</b> and Belonging Committee Hayes DE		My Bipolar Superpower: The Critical Role of Self-Assessment to Defining Your Career Path	
	<b>Student Representative Election</b> Hayes ABC		Meeting Room 30	
9:30am - 11am	Region Meetings and Advisor Meeting	4:30pm - 5pm	Region Meetings and Advisor Meeting	
	Region 1 Meeting Room 31 Region 2 Meeting Room 32 Region 3 Meeting Room 30 Region 4 Meeting Room 33 Region 5 Meeting Room 34 Region 6 Meeting Room 35 Advisors Executive Meeting Room		Region 1 Meeting Room 31 Region 2 Meeting Room 32 Region 3 Meeting Room 30 Region 4 Meeting Room 33 Region 5 Meeting Room 34 Region 6 Meeting Room 35 Advisors Executive Meeting Room	
11am - 12pm	Mock Initiation	5pm - 5:45pm	Break	
-	Hayes DE	5:45pm - 6:30pm	Pre-Banquet Reception and	
12pm - 1:30pm	<b>National Citation Luncheon</b> Hayes ABC		<b>Student/Alumni Mixer</b> 4th Floor City View Terrace Rain Location: 2nd Floor Foyer	
1:30pm - 3pm	Mortar Board Fair and Exhibit Area 2nd Floor Foyer	6:30pm - 8:30pm	<b>Candlelight Banquet</b> Hayes ABC	
1:30pm - 2pm	Mortar Board Singers Rehearsal • Meeting Room 35	8:30pm - 10:30pm	President's Reception (by invitation only) 1st Floor Study	
2pm - 2:30pm	Conference Committee on Resolutions and Recommendations Meeting • Room 22	8:30pm - 10:30pm	Games Night: Olympics Watch and Board Games • Hayes DE	
			• OPTIONAL	

# **SUNDAY, JULY 28**

8am - 12pm Luggage Storage Open

Hayes DE

8am - 12pm Advisor and Alumni Lounge Open

Executive Meeting Room

8am - 8:30am Wellness Yoga •

4th Floor City View Terrace Rain Location: 2nd Floor Foyer

8am - 9am Coffee and Light Snacks

3rd Floor Foyer

9am - 9:45am Region Meetings and

**Advisor Meeting** 

Region 1 Meeting Room 31
Region 2 Meeting Room 32
Region 3 Meeting Room 30
Region 4 Meeting Room 33
Region 5 Meeting Room 34
Region 6 Meeting Room 35

**Advisors** Executive Meeting Room

9:45am - 9:50am Group Photo in

Conference T-Shirt

2nd Floor Foyer

9:50am - 11am Brunch and

The Mortar Board Experience

Hayes ABC

11am - 11:30am Closing Business Meeting

Hayes ABC

11:30am - 12pm Closing Ceremony

Hayes ABC

12pm Conference Ends

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# WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

FRIDAY SCHOOL SPIRIT

SATURDAY AM BUSINESS CASUAL

SATURDAY PM **SEMI-FORMAL** 

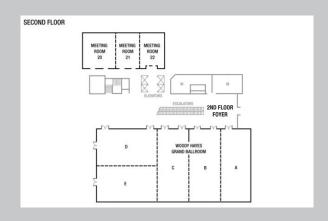
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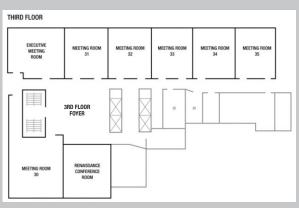
SUNDAY CONFERENCE

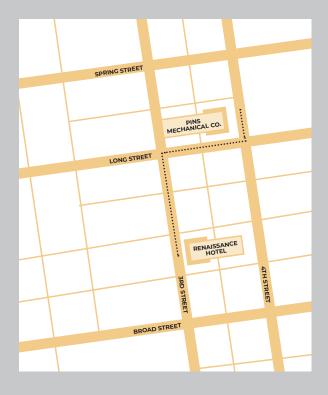
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Hotels can be cold and rain is possible. Please plan accordingly!

# **Hotel Maps**







# Guide to Governance

# ABOUT GOVERNANCE AT THE 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Conference 2024 is an in-person conference taking place July 26 – July 28, 2024 in Columbus, Ohio. Each chapter in attendance at the National Conference must have an official delegate.

As a student-governed society, YOU (the collegiate members) conduct the business of the Society. Each chapter in good standing will have one voting delegate at the National Conference. The official delegates shall be responsible for:

- Reviewing the Bylaws and voting on recommendations for changes to the Mortar Board Bylaws.
- Electing two (2) Student Representatives at-Large to serve a one-year term on the National Council. In the election for Student Representatives at-Large, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. If there is a tie that makes it unable to determine the top two vote recipients, a runoff between the tied candidates will be held.
- Receiving the resolutions and recommendations and passing such resolutions and recommendations deemed appropriate to assist the National Council to guide the future development of the Society.

# **TIMELINE**

# Friday, July 26:

- Opening Business Meeting
- Presentation of recommended changes to the Mortar Board National Bylaws
- · Casting of votes on recommended Bylaws changes

# Saturday, July 27:

- Meetings of the Conference Committees
  - Conference Nominating and Credentialing Committee
  - Resolutions and Recommendations Committee
- Presentation of candidates for position of Student Representative at-Large by the Conference Nominating and Credentialing Committee
- Election of two (2) Student Representatives at-Large

# Sunday, July 28:

- Closing Business Meeting
- Presentation of received resolutions and recommendations by the Resolutions and Recommendations Committee and subsequent vote

# How to Prepare

- Put the conference dates on your calendar, determine chapter delegate (and others) to attend, and register for National Conference.
- · Read this Guide to Governance completely.
- · Review the National Bylaws.
- Watch the presentations of the candidates for election on Saturday.
- Prepare for questions you might like to ask or issues to raise.
- Consider volunteering for a Conference Committee.
- Prepare some thoughts about how your chapter will flourish in the upcoming year.
- Prepare to hear national updates about the Society, as well as committee reports.

## **CASTING YOUR CHAPTER'S BALLOT**

Each chapter eligible to vote may cast one vote. The highest officer registered, and in attendance, from your chapter will be considered the official delegate.

If your chapter is present but fails to cast its ballot, the chapter's vote will be cast automatically as an abstention. See the Bylaws Article XIII.

#### **ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE**

To be eligible to vote on the issues raised at the National Conference, a chapter must be in good standing. This includes having cleared accounts for any amount due. The National Office will reach out to you if your chapter's account is not cleared. Every chapter must attend the National Conference.

# **ELECTION GUIDE**

# **Electing the National Council**

The Society's board of directors is called the National Council. It is composed of 10 elected officers whose terms run for two years, excluding the Student Representatives at-Large. In the case of the Student Representative at-Large, two students are elected annually at the National Conference for a one-year term. Each year, Mortar Board's voting delegates are charged with the task of electing members to fill offices that will be vacated due to term expiration.











# **Responsibilities of National Officers**

Generally, a member of the National Council should:

- · Affirm the mission and purpose of Mortar Board
- Establish and maintain a comprehensive set of policies and procedures that reflect the Society's governance
- Select the Mortar Board chief executive and review annually
- Accept fiduciary responsibility, and approve and monitor the budget
- Promote the organization nationally, regionally, and locally
- · Contribute to the development of programs

# Characteristics of Qualified Candidates

- Commitment to higher education and to the values of Mortar Board
- Computer literacy and skills to receive electronic communication
- Good communication skills--both verbal and written--and the ability to listen carefully
- Ability to evaluate, research, propose solutions, and make decisions with a group
- Demonstrates leadership skills and the ability to work with and attract others to the cause
- · Past or current service to Mortar Board
- Experience with fundraising, donors, or volunteer service programs
- · Service on other community or national boards

# ELECTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

Student Representative at-Large candidates will be introduced to the delegation on Saturday morning. The election will take place immediately after.

# Qualities Desired in a Student Representative

- Be completely committed to fulfilling all the obligations of a one-year term
- · Have strong communication skills
- · Exhibit excellent time management
- Possess the ability to work successfully with students, alumni, and administrators
- Be a current collegiate member of Mortar Board

## Responsibilities Include

- Attend the annual National Conference at both the beginning and conclusion of the term
- Participate in every monthly meeting (by Zoom) for the entire one-year term
- · Provide input in regular email discussions
- · Serve on standing committees
- Advocate for collegiate members in all matters

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws of Mortar Board, Inc. for consideration by chapters in July 2024:

#### **AMENDMENT 1**

**Action Proposed:** Change the eligibility for Mortar Board membership to be a more inclusive collegiate membership through the following:

- The addition of juniors to Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society. Students in their sophomore year (or the equivalent status in units or hours) and/or undergraduates who will have completed 50% or more of credits needed for graduation at the end of the term in which they are selected, would be eligible for membership.
- The addition of graduating seniors, not to exceed 25% of the incoming class. Students are eligible to be selected for membership in their final term of college prior to graduation as long as the total number does not exceed 25% of the new initiates.
- The addition of a statement on financial equity and accessible membership. Financial limitations should not be a barrier for membership. Collegiate members would only pay for membership upon entry, despite their length of time as an active collegiate member (i.e., one year vs. two years).

# Proposed Bylaws Changes (new language in bold):

**ARTICLE III** 

Section 1 – Collegiate Membership

Membership Qualifications

Section 1.2 – Change junior to **sophomore**.

Section 1.4 – at least in their junior sophomore year or the equivalent status in units or hours, undergraduates who will have completed 50% of credits needed for graduation at the end of the term in which they are selected.

Add: Students are eligible to be selected in their final term prior to graduation as long as the total number does not exceed 25% of the new initiates.

Section 1.5

Change junior to sophomore.

Add: Students are eligible to apply any term after they have completed at least 50% of credits needed for graduation by the end of the term in which they are selected. (Inclusive of 3+2, 5-year, transfer from community colleges, etc.)

Add: If a student is not selected the first time they apply and/or are nominated, they are eligible to reapply in subsequent selection seasons as long as they have not yet graduated.

Add: Students can be selected for membership in their final term prior to graduation as long as the total percentage of students in their final term does not exceed 25% of the total selected students.

Section 1.9

Add: Financial limitations should not be a barrier for membership. In addition to the one Gift Membership (Membership Fee Waiver) awarded to each chapter, both payment plans and additional scholarships are available.

Strike mention of continuing college member fees. Initial dues payment allows for multi-year participation with no additional fees to be collected.

#### **AMENDMENT 2**

**Action Proposed:** Increase opportunities for chapter membership.

- Allow for the possibility of a National Chapter to provide additional support for students on campuses with a Mortar Board charter, or potential charter, to gain support from Mortar Board Inc. when an active chapter is not currently existing.
- Eliminate the maximum chapter size to allow for chapters to grow beyond 50 members or 1.5% of the current junior class.
- Allow chapters to hold more than one selection annually should they choose as a way to be more inclusive and expand the opportunity for membership.

# Proposed Bylaws Changes (new language in bold):

ARTICLE III

Section 1 - Collegiate Membership

Membership Qualifications

Section 1.1 – Members are selected by the collegiate chapters **or the national organization**, annually according to the criteria stated in these Bylaws and Mortar Board chapter operational guides.

ARTICLE VI

**CHAPTERS** 

This Society shall be composed of collegiate chapters, alumni chapters, and a national chapter. The organization and structure of which shall be set forth herein: ...

Section 1.2

Change junior to sophomore.

Strike: maximum (currently 50 members or 1.5% of the student body with junior standing).

Section 1.5

Add: "at least" prior to once a year.

# **AMENDMENT 3**

**Action Proposed:** Increase opportunities for chapter leadership with elected officer positions.

- Strike current bylaw that states that only single office holders may be elected, not allowing for co-officers.
- Strike current bylaw that states that any member only present for one semester (i.e., graduating early, off-campus for an internship, or studying abroad) is ineligible to serve in an elected leadership role.

# Proposed Bylaws Changes (new language in bold):

ARTICLE VI

**CHAPTERS** 

Section 1.24

Strike: Members who will graduate after one semester, study abroad in either semester of active membership, or engage in another all-time-consuming obligation during their active year may not be elected or appointed and may, instead, serve the chapter by active participation in chapter activities and general committee work.

Section 1.29

Strike: Single office-holder elected. A chapter may not elect co-office holders for an office without the express prior approval of the National Council acting upon the recommendation of the region coordinator.

#### **AMENDMENT 4**

**Action Proposed:** Replace Mortar Board Alumni Association with Mortar Board Alumni and add a statement that all Mortar Board collegiate members become Alumni upon graduation.

Mortar Board has always promoted Society membership as an opportunity to experience lifelong engagement. Offering programmatic and outreach initiatives to a segmented MBAA annual population dilutes our ability to engage all members. This change will instead focus on increasing opportunities for engagement with all alumni.

# Proposed Bylaws Changes (new language in bold):

ARTICLE XII

MORTAR BOARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Mortar Board Alumni Association (MBAA) is Mortar Board Alumni are part of Mortar Board, Inc. and supports the aims of Mortar Board, Inc. An alumnimember of Mortar Board may become a member of the MBAA by payment of dues. All Mortar Board collegiate members become Alumni upon graduation.

# Sessions and Presenters

# **PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

#### **ADVISOR TRAINING**

Strong advisors are critical to success of our chapters. During this session we will focus on three main topics: chapter leadership continuity, what to do when you hit a "dip" in a year, and finally, the results of our advisor focus groups. This will be an opportunity to have a discussion-based interaction, to get to know other advisors and build your network, and finally be able to ask more in depth questions about the advisor experience.

#### Presenter:

Dr. Patience Whitworth (The Ohio State University, 2003)

### CAREER CONNECTIONS: APPLYING YOUR CHARACTER STRENGTHS AS A LEADER

Our unique combination of strengths and values drives our leadership across a variety of contexts – as a student, peer leader, employee, community member, and more. This session will introduce VIA Character Strengths, help you reflect on your top strengths, and consider how to apply your strengths to your leadership now and into the future. All attendees should complete the free online assessment at viacharacter.org prior to the session and bring their results.

#### Presenter:

Dr. Jen Pelletier (University of Puget Sound, 1999)

# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MORTAR BOARD TOUR

Enjoy a tour of The Ohio State University campus, with special attention to Mortar Board landmarks. The tour will leave from the 2nd Floor Foyer of the hotel at 1pm on Friday via charter bus and travel to campus, which is five miles from the hotel. The group will then walk through campus with tour guide and OSU student, Olivia Beckett. The tour will meet the bus at 2:40pm and travel back to the hotel. Wear walking shoes!

#### Tour Guide:

Olivia Beckett (The Ohio State University, 2024)

#### SERVICE PROJECT: "FANS IN THE STANDS"

Throughout the conference, we will have a "Fans in the Stands" service project in which attendees can engage. Special Olympics Ohio will provide supplies to make "good luck" notes for athletes competing in the fall games (equestrian, golf, flag football, and softball). There will also be paper and templates for volunteers to cut out shapes that will be used at Performance Stations during the games. At the Performance Stations, athletes write on cut-outs how they commit to live healthier lives. Both of these activities can be done on a stop-in basis but make a huge impact on the attitudes of the athletes who receive them!

# Partner:

Special Olympics Ohio

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

# CONSIDERING GRADUATE SCHOOL? TIPS AND ADVICE FROM THE INSIDE

Join this panel of experts to gain valuable insights into the application process, the graduate student experience, Mortar Board fellowship opportunities, and more. Representatives from two graduate schools, along with current graduate students (and Mortar Board fellows!), will share their insider knowledge on the intricacies of applying to and thriving in graduate school.

# **Presenters:**

Rani Bawa (The Ohio State University, 2020) Jennifer Forney, American University (Purdue University, 1984) Dr. Amy Elizabeth French, Bowling Green State University Johnny Dinh Phan (The University of Kansas, 2021)











#### FAR FROM LAZY: A CONVERSATION WITH AN AWARD-WINNING CEO

Join Alumni Achievement Award Winner, Melinda Whittington, for an intimate conversation as she shares her experience as a corporate leader and change agent. Melinda serves as President and CEO of furniture manufacturer La-Z-Boy Inc. Initiated into Mortar Board in 1988, Melinda has had an illustrious career. Starting out in Finance at lifestyle conglomerate, Procter & Gamble, Melinda then went on to become Senior Vice President at Kraft Foods Group (now The Kraft Heinz Company), before becoming CFO for Allscripts Healthcare Solutions then moving on to be CFO and eventually CEO at La-Z-Boy Incorporated in 2021. Melinda will share her own insights and how to successfully navigate career advancement and professional development.

#### Presenter:

Melinda Whittington (The Ohio State University, 1988)

# KEYS TO SUCCESS: BUILDING AN AWARD-WINNING CHAPTER

Over the past five years, the Tassels chapter at the University of Mississippi has transitioned from campus obscurity to celebrity. On the national stage, the chapter moved from, "Did we submit the required reports?" to "Which awards should we pursue this year?" This presentation will highlight key leadership and operational strategies that have fostered the chapter's evolution. Participants will leave informed and inspired with new ideas to help strengthen their own chapters. Both story and strategy will be woven throughout the presentation. Mortar Board is fortunate to have many strong, award-winning chapters, so audience members will be encouraged to share their own ideas and successes.

# Presenters:

Parker Brown (University of Mississippi, 2023) Aabha Mantri (University of Mississippi, 2024) Dr. Brent A. Marsh (University of Mississippi, 2023)

# MY BIPOLAR SUPERPOWER: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF SELF-ASSESSMENT TO DEFINING YOUR CAREER PATH

"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom."—Aristotle. By sharing her own winding journey to becoming a successful freelance legal content writer and editor, presenter Olivia G. McCarthy will discuss key components of the self-assessment process. This seminar will take you step-by-step through developing your own self-assessment, using what you know, don't know, or are afraid to know about yourself in order to design your unique career path.

# Presenter:

Olivia G. McCarthy (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 2014)

# THE POWER OF A MULTI-GENERATIONAL TEAM

Sometimes our differences create challenges, but those same differences create huge opportunities for creativity, innovation and growth. Explore generational characteristics and learn ways to work together to make those characteristics strengths on any team. Learning how to leverage and thrive as part of a multi-generational team is a recipe for future personal and professional success!

# Presenter:

Lisa Merz Russell (The Ohio State University, 1998)

# **UNIFIED LEADERSHIP**

Join Special Olympics Ohio Manager of Athlete Leadership, Andrea Headley, and Athlete, Maxwell Damron, for a fun and interactive session focused on facilitating those without intellectual disabilities to recognize and adapt the inclusive practices they use in their clubs, organizations, and communities. We will identify how leaders can find meaningful leadership opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to be included in their professional and social groups.

# Presenters:

Maxwell Damron, Athlete, Special Olympics Ohio Andrea Headley, Manager of Athlete Leadership, Special Olympics Ohio

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# **CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE WORLD!**

Haley's journey with Special Olympics, disability etiquette, why inclusion matters, and how Mortar Board members can get involved.

Haley Waggoner (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2024) currently serves as a Specialist in the Government Relations department at Special Olympics International. In her role, she creates resources and training for athletes to get involved in their local or state government.

In 2013, Haley advocated to have the r-word removed from Nebraska state documents and replaced with the term intellectual disability. At the time, she worked with a Nebraska State Senator to introduce the bill and later testified for the bill. She held a rally in front of the Nebraska State Capitol to have Senators pledge not to use the r-word and to pass the r-word bill. In June 2013, Haley got to see the bill become a law when the Governor signed the document. That was Haley's favorite memory thus far.

Not only does Haley work for Special Olympics, but she is an athlete as well. She won a gold medal in tennis at the 2018 USA Special Olympic Games, as well as silver and bronze medals at the 2022 Games.

Prior to joining the Special Olympics, Haley worked at a bakery where she decorated cakes and wrapped baked goods. She resides in Lincoln, Nebraska and enjoys playing tennis, soccer, and basketball.















# **Active Chapters by Region**

#### **REGION 1**

# RCs: Hannah Giannini, Vedant Kulkarni, Brendan Wall

**Bucknell University** Carnegie Mellon University College of William and Mary Endicott College Grove City College Hood College Lenoir-Rhyne University Longwood University Salem College The Pennsylvania State University The University of Pennsylvania The University of Vermont University of Mary Washington University of Maryland University of Richmond Wake Forest University West Virginia University Western New England University

# **REGION 2**

# RCs: Parker Brown, Jaquilynn Huff, Annie Mascia

Agnes Scott College Alcorn State University Auburn University Berea College Birmingham-Southern College Carson-Newman University College of Charleston **Emory University** Florida State University Jackson State University Life University Lyon College Mississippi College Rhodes College The University of Alabama Troy University Tulane University University of Louisville University of Mississippi University of South Alabama University of Tennessee at Knoxville

#### **REGION 3**

# RCs: Robbie Kichak, Alexa Murray, Kailee Weiker

Adrian College Albion College Ball State University Bowling Green State University Butler University Case Western Reserve University Denison University Hanover College Hope College Indiana University Northern Michigan University Ohio Northern University Ohio Wesleyan University Otterbein University Purdue University The Ohio State University The University of Findlay The University of Toledo University of Cincinnati Wittenberg University Xavier University

# **REGION 4**

# RCs: Carina Huot, Kailey Jerome, Caitlyn Kant

Beloit College
Carleton College
Coe College
Illinois State University
Lawrence University
Monmouth College
North Dakota State University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
The University of Nebraska - Lincoln
The University of Nebraska at Kearney
The University of South Dakota
University of Minnesota Duluth
University of North Dakota

# **REGION 5**

# RCs: Cade Ciesielski, McCaleb Hart, Reilly Roggendorff

Kansas State University Oklahoma Baptist University Oklahoma State University Southern Methodist University Southern Nazarene University Texas Tech University The University of Kansas The University of New Mexico The University of Tulsa University of Arizona University of Missouri - Columbia University of North Texas Washburn University West Texas A & M University Wichita State University William Jewell College

#### **REGION 6**

# RCs: Kara Stogsdill and TBD

Chapman University
Oregon State University
San Diego State University
The University of Northern Colorado
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Montana
University of Oregon
University of Puget Sound
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Washington
University of Wyoming

# **REGION ROOMS**

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THANK YOU TO OUR WEEKEND PHOTOGRAPHER, SARAH LIGHTLE (THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, 2021)

# **National Leadership**

# **NATIONAL COUNCIL**

President: Cassandra Lucas (Purdue University, 1994)

President-elect: Nathan Cordle (The University of Alabama, 2011)
Vice President: Patience Whitworth (The Ohio State University, 2003)^
Secretary: Aimee Abernathy (Queens University of Charlotte, 1996)\*
Treasurer: Jennifer Birch Szolwinski (Purdue University, 1993)

Alumni Representative at-Large: Mohammed Hill (University of California, Berkeley, 1992)\*

Alumni Representative at-Large: Wilson Chan (University of Louisville, 1989)

**Student Representative at-Large**: Makayla Johnson (North Dakota State University, 2019)\* **Student Representative at-Large**: Gabrielle Tessier (University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2023)

Immediate Past President: Kathryn E. Chick (Hood College, 2006)

Foundation Representative: Barbara J. Arnold (The Pennsylvania State University, 1981)

Executive Director: Kirsten F. Fox (The Ohio State University, 1996)

\*Term Ending July 28, 2024

# NATIONAL COUNCIL TERM BEGINNING AT CLOSING BUSINESS MEETING

**Vice President**: Patience Whitworth (The Ohio State University, 2003)<sup>^</sup> **Secretary**: Catherine Verschelden (Kansas State University, 2002)

Alumni Representative at-Large: Leslie Ellis (Lenoir-Rhyne University, 2015)

Student Representative at-Large:  ${
m TBD}$  Student Representative at-Large:  ${
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^Re-elected for a second term

# **NATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**President**: Barbara J. Arnold (The Pennsylvania State University, 1981) **Vice President**: Karen S. Stiner (San Diego State University, 1987)^ **Secretary**: Janet G. Farrington (University of Mississippi, 1964)^ **Treasurer**: Craig Evers (The Ohio State University, 2001)\*^

Trustee: Mary Ruth Carleton (University of California, Berkeley, 1969)

Trustee: Joni Comstock (Eastern Illinois University, 2016)
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# **Standing Nominations Committee**

Kathryn E. Chick, **Chair** (Hood College, 2006)

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# Collegiate Awards









# RUTH WEIMER MOUNT CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

University of Mississippi, Tassels chapter

# FREEMAN AND FOX MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

The University of Vermont, Akraia chapter

# **DEI&B AWARD**

Kansas State University for composition, partnerships, and service

San Diego State University for World Cafe and changes to the university planner

University of Mississippi for recruitment and partnerships

Wichita State University for their Multicultural DEIB Gala

Honorable Mention: College of Charleston for their Diversity and Equity Fair

# **GOLD TORCH AWARD**

Illinois State University Kansas State University

Longwood University

Lyon College

Purdue University

Rhodes College

San Diego State University

Texas Tech University

The Ohio State University

The University of Alabama

The University of Nebraska at Kearney

University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Mississippi

University of San Diego

University of South Alabama

Wichita State University

# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Auburn University, Chapter Reactivation and Officer and Advisor Transition

College of Charleston, Digital Communication

Kansas State University, Campus Visibility

San Diego State University, Chapter Communication and Alumni Engagement

The Ohio State University, Recruitment and Selection and Alumni Engagement

The University of Toledo, Officer and Advisor Transition

University of Hawaii, Recruitment and Selection

University of Maryland, Chapter Reactivation

University of Mississippi, Campus Visibility and Digital Communication

Wichita State University, Chapter Communication

# PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARD

College of Charleston, Mortar Board Week

Illinois State University, Reading is Leading

Lyon College, Leadership

Purdue University, Leadership and Community Service

Texas Tech University, Mortar Board Week

The Ohio State University, Recognition Programs

The University of Toledo, Community Service and Fundraising

University of Maryland, Reading is Leading

University of Mississippi, Service to Alma Mater and Alumni Involvement

# PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARD, continued

University of San Diego, Service to Alma Mater

University of South Alabama, Recognition Programs

Wichita State University, Fundraising and Alumni Involvement

#### STARLINGTON PRIZE

Nick Rodriguez (Wichita State University, 2022)

Bella Rohrig (Illinois State University, 2023)

# REGION COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Jaquilynn Huff, Region 2 (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, 2019)

# **EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING**

Darlene Brooks, Rhodes College

Dr. Brian Orefice, The Ohio State University (2007)

Dr. Eugene Pearson, University of the Pacific

Dr. David Roach, Texas Tech University (2021)

Dr. Christine Wade, University of Wyoming

Dr. Gerry Williger, University of Louisville (The Ohio State University, 1984)

# EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING WITH DISTINCTION

Kristi Okerlund, University of North Dakota (2003)

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# **Alumni Awards**

# **EMERGING LEADER AWARD**

# **Gracen Daniel** (Texas Tech University, 2015)

Gracen is a seasoned trial lawyer who practices business, employment, and intellectual property litigation. She was recently recognized by the Dallas Women Lawyers Association for her significant professionalism and community leadership. Gracen is a former Section Coordinator.

# Arielle Devorah (University of Arizona, 2019)

Arielle is a rising political star and currently serves as the Communication Director for the Office of Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego.

# Jessica Johnson (Knox College, 2011)

Jessica is a recipe developer, writer, and photographer. She is the voice behind and CEO of a digital publishing company – Life As A Strawberry. Jessica previously served Mortar Board as a Section Coordinator.

# Courtney Vick (University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 2011)

A natural leader and former Section Coordinator, Courtney has been named to the University of Tennessee's 40 Under 40 Volunteers, to Nashville's 30 Under 30, and holds the position of Field Marketing Manager for Whataburger.

### **ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

# Sarra Nazem (University of Michigan, 2004)

Dr. Sarra Nazem completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from West Virginia University. Sarra is currently the Deputy Director at the National Center for PTSD Dissemination and Training Division located at Veterans Affairs Palo Alto, California. An accomplished Clinical Research Psychologist, Dr. Nazem has published over 40 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and given 100+ professional and scientific presentations. She has led the national efforts behind the development of suicide postvention resources for Veterans Affairs (VA). Sarra exemplifies servant-leadership prioritizing a commitment to mentorship and service throughout her career. She has served on several national committees/workgroups. Sarra has been volunteering for Mortar Board since 2005, serving as the Section Coordinator for Michigan/Section 10 until 2018 when she was elected as Mortar Board National Council Vice President, serving two terms. Sarra's Mortar Board leadership contributions include leading efforts to better utilize data to guide development, helping to develop the first Mortar Board member needs survey, and overseeing the restructuring of the Section Coordinator role into the current Region Coordinator model. Sarra plays volleyball, is a barre enthusiast, enjoys hiking and traveling, and can spend hours talking about cupcakes, pandas, and Costco.

# Ann Marie Smith (The Ohio State University, 1986)

Dr. Ann Smith has led a life of service to others. A nurse for 36 years, Ann earned her Bachelor of Science (BS '87), Master of Science (MS '88), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D. '95), and Advanced Nurse Practitioner Certificate (ANP '96) all from The Ohio State University. Ann serves as the Central Ohio Think First Chapter Director, educating youth throughout Ohio on behalf of OSU's trauma injury prevention program. Dr. Smith has served on national boards and coalitions including the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, the Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, SafeCommunities, and Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance. Ann participates in the Buckeye Paws-Therapy Dog program and takes her dog Ashby on many visits throughout the medical center and campus. Ann's involvement as team captain with the OSU swim team helped launch her community service and involvement. She served Varsity O in a variety of volunteer roles from 1997 to present. She has remained active as an NCAA swim official and coordinates swimming alumni reunions and events. In addition, Ann's community leadership and lengthy list of volunteering includes The Ohio State University, Girl Scouts, and of course, Mortar Board. Ann has been in a leadership role with the Greater Columbus Alumni Club for many years serving as Vice President, President, and currently Past President. She is proud of all three of her children, a son Joey and two daughters, Katie and Elaine, both of whom are also Mortar Boards.



# **ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, continued**

# Melinda Beuth Whittington (The Ohio State University, 1988)

Melinda Whittington is President and Chief Executive Officer of La-Z-Boy Incorporated, one of the world's leading residential furniture producers and retailers, and serves on its Board of Directors. Prior to her appointment in 2021, she served for three years as Chief Financial Officer for the company. Since graduating summa cum laude earning her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree at The Ohio State University, Melinda Whittington has held a number of finance roles of increasing responsibility including with The Proctor and Gamble Company, The Kraft Heinz Company, and now as the President and CEO of La-Z-Boy Incorporated. Melinda is an innovative and inspiring leader who finds time to support the personal and professional development of others, particularly other women. She is passionate about giving back and generously gives her time serving on several corporate and nonprofit boards including Best Buy Co., Inc., the American Home Furnishings Alliance, the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame, Business Leaders for Michigan, the YMCA of Monroe, Michigan, and the Dean's Advisory Council of the Fisher College of Business. Melinda resides in Michigan with Steven, her husband of 36 years. They have two adult children, and all four Whittingtons are proud Buckeyes. In their limited spare time, they enjoy traveling to spend time with friends and family in interesting places, ballroom dancing, and getting outside to boat and bike.

#### DISTINGUISHED LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

# Kathryne Timberlake MacKenzie

(Oklahoma Baptist University, 1968)

Kay MacKenzie was initiated into Mortar Board at Oklahoma Baptist University in 1968. Growing up on a college campus as the daughter of two faculty members, Kay was destined to live the ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service. For the past fifty-years, Kay has served Mortar Board in a variety of national leadership roles. Kay's involvement on a national level began with her service as a Section Coordinator over 50 years ago. During this time, Kay was integral to the discussions around Title IX and the decision to accept men. Kay was Vice President for Mortar Board where she tapped and mentored many current National Leaders. She served as National President from 1991-1993 and led the society through the celebration of our 75th Anniversary. Even when Kay took a short hiatus from National Leadership, she served as Chair of the local host committee for a National Conference in Atlanta. Kay more recently completed her time as a three-term Foundation Trustee for the Mortar Board National Foundation. Kay served as the chair of the Fellowship

Committee for many years where she revamped the fellowship application and enhanced the review process. Under her tenure as Fellowship Chair, applications for Fellowships increased! After five decades of National Service to Mortar Board, Kay rolled off the Board of Trustees in August 2023. However, Kay continues to be a fellowship reader and team-lead, and this past November helped install Mortar Board's newest chapter, the Lasting Purpose chapter at Life University in Marietta, Georgia. Kay is also a fund founder, a charter member of the Mortar Board Alumni Association as a Lifetime Member, and a member of the Mortar Board Singers. Kay and her husband Craig reside in Atlanta, Georgia and are the proud parents of two adult children, Peter and Kate. When not serving Mortar Board, Kay enjoys spending

time with her family, especially her four grandchildren. Pictured right: Kathryne Timberlake MacKenzie reading

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# **Past National Presidents**

Kathryn E. Chick (2021-2023)

Gail Harrison Corvette (2019-2021)

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Dr. Denise Rode (2003-2005)

Dr. Barbara Arnold (2001-2003)

Dr. Mabel Freeman (1997-2001)

Dottie Phillips (1993-1997)

Kathryne Timberlake MacKenzie (1991-1993)

Dr. Catherine Johnson Randall (1987-1991)

Dorothy Moser (1982-1987)

Jayne Wade Anderson (1976-1982)

Catherine Nelson Evans (1973-1976)

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Helen Snyder (1967-1970)

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Ruth Weimer Mount (1958-1964)

Dr. Jane Klein Moehle (1955-1958)

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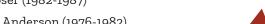
Kathleen Hammond (1926-1930)

Eleanor Clarke Anderson (1923-1926)

Anne Cornell Christensen (1921-1923)

Mary Mildred Logan Lucas (1919-1921)

Esther Holmes Jones (1918-1919)



















# Fellowship Recipients

# ELLEN NORTH DUNLAP FELLOWSHIP

Rani Bawa (The Ohio State

University, 2020)

Major(s): Neuroscience

Minor(s): Dance and Clinical Psychology

Graduate School: The Ohio

State University

Program: PhD, Social Psychology

# MORTAR BOARD DIANE SELBY FELLOWSHIP

# Sophia Bustamante Equiguren

(University of Richmond, 2019)

Major(s): Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology

Minor(s): Mathematics

Graduate School: University of Oxford

Program: PhD, Molecular Cell

Biology, Immunology

McCaleb Hart (Texas Tech

University, 2021)

Major(s): Sports Management, Marketing, Business Management

Minor(s): General Business/

Leadership

Graduate School: Texas

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Program: M.A. Strategic Communication and Innovation/ Advanced Digital and Social Media

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# MORTAR BOARD NATIONAL FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

Caitlyn Kant (Illinois State

University, 2021)

Major(s): Biological Sciences/Biology

Minor(s): Chemistry/ Cognitive Science

Graduate School: University of Florida

Program: M.S., Medical Physiology and Pharmacology

**Abby Mock** (University of South Alabama, 2022)

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

Graduate School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

Program: D.O., Pediatric Medicine

Johnny Dinh Phan (University

of Kansas, 2021)

Major(s): Biochemistry/Dance

Minor(s): French

Graduate School: University of Kansas Medical Center Program: M.D., Medicine

# RUTH WEIMER MOUNT FELLOWSHIP

**Hannah Harrison** (University of Nebraska-Kearney, 2022)

Major(s): Exercise Science

Minor(s): Nutrition/Health Science

Graduate School: University of Nebraska Medical Center

Program: M.S., Medical Nutrition Therapy

# WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY CLASSES OF 1945-1950/ZELMA PATCHINOKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

**Jessica Chen** (University of Hawaii at Mānoa, 2016)

Major(s): Molecular Cell Biology Minor(s): Mathematical Biology

Graduate School: Harvard University

Program: PhD, Virology

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# Apply for a fellowship!



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Kathryne Timberlake MacKenzie, Oklahoma Baptist University, 1969

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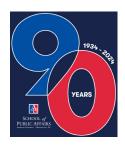




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