



SCHOLARSHIP - LEADERSHIP - SERVICE
SINCE 1918



MORTAR BOARD

National College Honor Society

From the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

At Mortar Board, we are committed to acknowledging and encouraging the exceptional talents, achievements, and potential of college students. 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 junior and 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 Honor Society and become part of a tradition of excellence that has been a cornerstone of academic achievement for generations.

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Our STORY



Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college juniors and 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 a century ago. Now there are 235 chartered collegiate chapters across the United States. **Our last two chapters were installed in 2023 at Life University and the College of Charleston.**

In 2024, students voted to expand membership to include juniors as well.

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 upperclass 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.

Service to Campus & Local

Community: Service is at the heart of Mortar Board. Our chapters did over 11,500 hours of service last year alone!

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

University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara
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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