



Mortar Board National Office Welcomes Two New Staff Members

The Mortar Board National Office is thrilled to announce the addition of two talented professionals to its team: **Angela Powell** as Marketing and Communications Manager and **Olivia Beckett** as Administrative Coordinator. These new roles are vital to advancing Mortar Board's mission of recognizing college students for their exemplary scholarship, leadership, and service and connecting our members to a lifetime of opportunities.

As Marketing and Communications Manager, Angela will lead initiatives to enhance Mortar Board's outreach, strengthen our brand, and engage members across the country. Angela is an accomplished marketing and communications professional with over a decade of experience spanning graphic design, content creation, and public affairs. Most recently she served as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator for the Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA), where she led social media strategy, email marketing, and creative projects, including a role in the overhaul of the association's website and Association Management System. Angela also played an integral role in organizing ASCA's Annual Conference and other in-person events and served as board liaison to the Awards Committee. Prior to joining ASCA, Angela built her skills in multiple industries, including veterinary medicine, retail food service, newspaper publishing, and advertising. She also brings a wealth of experience in social media branding, content strategy, and audience engagement. In addition to her professional endeavors, Angela is the founder and creative mind behind a successful Instagram food blog focusing on local restaurants and her own culinary adventures.

Angela holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and a Master's in Communications from Marywood University in Scranton, PA. Hobbies include thrifting (mostly Dr. Martens boots), video games, and travel. Angela resides in beautiful Northeastern Pennsylvania with her two personable black cats, Doodle and Milk.

Joining as our Administrative Coordinator, Olivia Beckett will play a pivotal role in ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of day-to-day operations at the National Office while also assisting in programming, volunteer engagement, and other key areas.

Olivia is a 2024 initiate at The Ohio State University. She graduated from OSU in December 2024, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Management, Leadership, and Policy with minors in both Political Science and Spanish. Olivia served the 111th Class of the Mabel G. Freeman chapter of Mortar Board at Ohio State as the Selections Chair (For those

of you who attended the 2024 National Conference, you may remember Olivia provided the Ohio State campus tour!) In addition to her studies and leadership with Mortar Board, Olivia served as a Columbus City Council intern, a House of Representatives Intern for the Ohio State House, and a Reservations Assistant for the Ohio Union. She also served on Undergraduate Student Government and the Student-Alumni Council. Olivia's attention to detail, commitment to hard work, and experience with Mortar Board will enhance support provided to our members, chapters, and alumni. In her free time, Olivia enjoys volunteering, reading, traveling, cheering the Buckeyes on, and spending time with friends and family.

We are delighted to welcome Olivia and Angela to the Mortar Board team! Their energy, skills, and commitment to our mission will undoubtedly strengthen our organization and deepen our impact on campuses and communities nationwide.

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