



Welcome to Day 2!

Mortar Board National Conference
Sunday, July 20

Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Ballot Update
- Position-Based Networking
- Region Meetings
- Business Meeting
- Professional Development Session
- Chapter Operations Session
- Region Meetings
- Candlelight Ceremony & Hold High The Torch



Ballot Results & Election Update

Nominating and Credentials Committee

Meet Your New Student Representative!



Eli Ade
Purdue University

Run-off for Student Representative at-Large



Molly McBratney
William Jewell College



Caitlynn Noble
University of Findlay

Cast Your Ballot for Student Rep!

Official Delegates Only

Ballot is Open NOW

You have 5 minutes to cast your ballot.



Student Advisory Board

Each region elects one student to represent the region and serve as a liaison to the Governance Committee and the Student Representatives at-Large advocating on behalf of fellow collegiate members from the region. This is a 1-year term. One student from each region is elected annually at the National Conference.

If you haven't yet expressed interest but want to be considered, submit this form by 2:15 Eastern (link in chat).



Position-Based Meetings

Room	Positions	Facilitator
1	Presidents - Small Schools (< 5,000 UG)	Katie Chick
2	Presidents - Medium Schools (5,000-15,000 UG)	Nathan Cordle
3	Presidents - Large Schools (15,000+ UG)	Cas Lucas
4	Vice Presidents	Brendan Wall
5	Treasurers & Fundraisers	Kailee Weiker
6	Membership & Communications Chairs	Jaquilynn Huff
7	Secretary, Historian, & Alumni Chairs	Katie Verschelden
8	Programming Chairs (<i>Social, Service, Tapping</i>)	Annie Mascia
9	Advisors	Patience Whitworth
10	Alumni & National Leaders	Wilson Chan & Leslie Ellis



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Student Representative Run-Off Results

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Region Meetings

Region	States
1 - Northeast & Atlantic Coast	MA, MD, NC, NH, PA, VA, VT, WV
2 - South / Southeast	AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, SC, TN
3 - Midwest - East	IN, MI, OH
4 - Midwest - West	IA, IL, MN, ND, NE, SD, WI
5 - Great Plains South/Southwest	AZ, KS, MO, NM, OK, TX
6 - Rocky Mountain & Pacific	CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, OR, UT, WA, WY
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Business Meeting

Welcome to the Business Meeting

AGENDA

- Update on the official conference roll from the Nominating and Credentials Committee
- Accepting the report from the Chair of the Resolutions and Recommendations Committee
- Recognizing the Student Advisory Board
- Acknowledging retiring members of our National Council
- Installing the 2025-2026 National Council



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Nominating and Credentials Committee

Official Conference Numbers for MBNC25

- 289 total participants
 - 161 collegiate members
 - 26 chapter advisors
- 102 chapters participating
- 77 chapter delegates have officially attended National Conference



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Resolutions & Recommendations Committee

National Bylaws

ARTICLE V

Section 1.6:

Resolutions are the Society's formal statement of philosophy or its deliberate choice of action and are effective for the next two years. Resolutions are looked to by the Society for organizational direction and by chapters for programming direction.

Conference recommendations are items suggested for the Society's leadership or chapters to consider.

Resolutions & Recommendations 2025

Whereas chapters maintain flexibility in their own membership processes,

Be it resolved that chapters have the ***opportunity to recruit and select junior standing collegiate students at their own discretion.***

Whereas leadership continuity from year to year within chapters is critical,

Be it resolved that chapters are ***strongly encouraged to recruit and select junior standing collegiate students in addition to senior standing collegiate students.***

Whereas new officers benefit from clear onboarding materials,

Be it resolved that the ***National Office produce simple and succinct videos and/or visual representation to:***

- ***Welcome new officers to their roles and responsibilities;***
- ***Provide an introductory overview of website resources for all new officers; and***
- ***Provide an overview of the membership selections process.***

Student Advisory Board 2025-2026

Region 1: Elizabeth Barker, University of Maryland

Region 2: Ariana Johnson, Troy University

Region 3: Keerstin Farson-Mantor, Otterbein University

Region 4: Kamea Graham, Monmouth College

Region 5: Nicholas Morris, Texas Tech University

Region 6: Franchesca Bolt, University of Puget Sound

Thank you for your service to the National Foundation!



Mary Ruth Carleton
Trustee
*University of California,
Berkeley, 1969*



Jan Farrington
Secretary
*University of Mississippi,
1964*



Dr. Barbara Arnold
Foundation President
*The Pennsylvania State
University, 1981*

Thank you for your service to the National Council!



Sierra Malik-Misselhorn
Student Representative
University of San Diego,
2024



Annanya Sinha
Student Representative
Carleton College, 2024



Gabrielle Tessier
Student Representative
University of Hawaii at Manoa,
2023

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Jenni Birch Szolwinski
Treasurer
Purdue University, 1993



Kathryn E. Chick
Immediate Past President
Hood College, 2006

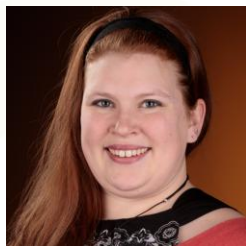
Installation of the National Council



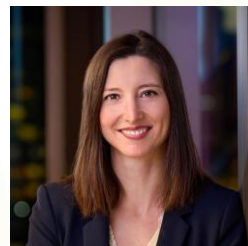
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Nathan Cordle



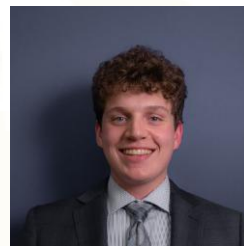
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Patience
Whitworth



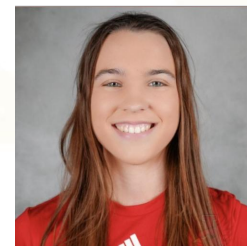
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Secretary
Katie
Verschelden



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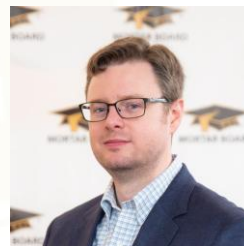
Alumni Rep.
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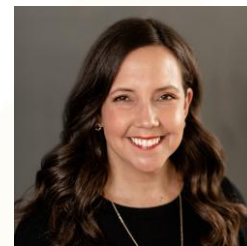
Alumni Rep.
Leslie Ellis



**Immediate Past
President**
Cassandra Lucas



**Foundation
Board President**
Craig Evers



**Executive
Director**
Kirsten Fox

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Break

Pro Dev Sessions

Descriptions are on Page 8 of the Conference Program

Room	Topic
1	Networking in Unsuspecting Places <i>Jenni Birch Szolwinski & Nathan Cordle</i>
2	Nationally Competitive Scholarship & Fellowship Prep <i>Dr. Sally Steadman</i>
3	Building a Brand That Grows With You <i>Savannah Cherry</i>
4	Advisor Session - Best Practices in Advising <i>Darlene Brooks, Dr. Elizabeth Clark, Dr. Matt Couch, Angela Glean</i>

Click the Breakout Room icon to select your topic!



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Chapter Operations Sessions

Descriptions are on Page 9 of the Conference Program

Room	Topic
1	Integrating AI for Chapter Operations <i>Jaquilynn Huff</i>
2	Financial Management & Fundraising <i>Liz Cook, Craig Evers, & Kailee Weiker</i>
3	Planning an Impactful Year <i>Annie Mascia & Dr. Brendan Wall</i>
4	Informal Alumni Gathering Space <i>Alumni Engagement Board</i>

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Candlelight Celebration

Sunday, July 20, 2025



Candlelight Celebration

**Thank you, Mortar Board
National Foundation!**

Thank you, Blossom Express!

*Blossom
Express*
Since 1985

Thank you to our Conference and Adopt-a-Chapter Donors!

Barbara Arnold (The Pennsylvania State University, 1981)

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

Joni Comstock (Eastern Illinois University, 2016)

Susan Doss (The University of Alabama, 1985)

Craig Evers (The Ohio State University, 2001)

Jan Farrington (University of Mississippi, 1964)

Kirsten Fox (The Ohio State University, 1996)

Mabel Freeman (The Ohio State University, 1965)

Cheryl Gunter (University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1976)

Jane A. Hamblin (Purdue University, 1973)

Gail Harrison Corvette (The Ohio State University, 1980)

Candice Hironaka Pitts (Oregon State University, 1971)

Cassandra Lucas (Purdue University, 1994)

Kathryne MacKenzie (Oklahoma Baptist
University, 1969)

Trish Maxwell (The Ohio State University, 2024)

Matthew Ross (The Ohio State University, 2001)

Laura Simic (University of Oregon, 1985)

Jane K. Smith (West Virginia University, 1960)

Karen Stiner (San Diego State University, 1987)

Katie Verschelden (Kansas State University, 2002)

Jenna Vitosh (The University of Nebraska
- Lincoln, 2006)

Kailee Weiker (Ohio Northern University, 2010)

Patience Whitworth (The Ohio State University, 2003)

Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award

The Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award is the highest honor given to any chapter.

This award is given to the chapter who demonstrated excellence in chapter operations, advising, visibility, communications, and participation.

Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award 2025 Recipient:

Longwood University
Geist chapter



Starlington Prize

The Starlington Prize for Extraordinary Mortar Board Membership is awarded each year to nominees who have proven that they understand the purpose of Mortar Board, are dedicated to their chapter and have internalized the true obligation of membership. Any member may nominate another member for this prize.



**Named after Martha Starling and
Capt. Sally Watlington**

Starlington Prize 2025 Recipients:



Maddox Spinelli

University of Washington

Tolo chapter president



Grace Tang

Carnegie Mellon University

Eta chapter president

Mortar Board Fellowship Recipients

Since Mortar Board's fellowship program began in 1941, more than \$1.5 million has been given to deserving members pursuing postgraduate degrees. Fellowships are awarded annually for one academic year. The program started with two awards of \$500 and now includes several awards between \$3,000 and \$5,000 each.

Mortar Board Fellowship Recipients 2025



Toluwa Aduloju
Xavier University,
2023



Grace Beauchamp
The University of
Alabama, 2022



Kathryn Huang
University of
Southern California,
2022



Carson Kim
Auburn University,
2024



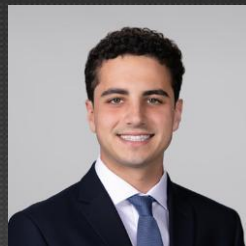
Mohammed Murtuza
Texas Tech
University, 2024



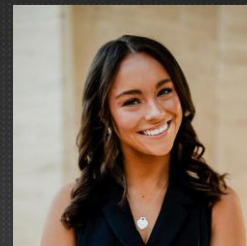
Anita D. Nguyen
University of South
Alabama, 2023



Emily Plotnik
University of Nebraska-
Lincoln, 2023



Nick Schemmel
The University of
Kansas, 2023



Lydia Storm
University of Nebraska-
Lincoln, 2023

Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year Award honors a dedicated individual who has volunteered their time and talents on behalf of Mortar Board National College Honor Society during the past year. Through their outstanding service, they have advanced the mission of Mortar Board at the national level, exemplifying the society's values of scholarship, leadership, and service.

Volunteer of the Year 2025:

Laura Baker
CHAIR, Development Committee
(The Ohio State University, 2008)

Laura combines her deep commitment to Mortar Board with her fundraising expertise to provide strategic guidance across all areas of development, from annual giving, major gifts, and planned giving to donor cultivation and stewardship. During her tenure as Development Chair over the past year, Laura has helped drive increased engagement from National Leaders and contributed to a record number of major gifts.



Alumni Achievement Awards

The Alumni Achievement Award honors an alumni member who was initiated as a collegiate or honorary member; is more than 10 years past initiation; has demonstrated outstanding and long-lasting achievement in their profession or notable, signal service to a broad community; has shown a continuing commitment to the Mortar Board Ideals of scholarship, leadership and service; and is an inspiration to other members.

Alumni Achievement Award Recipient 2025

Beth Moody Jones

(University of Vermont, 1981)

Beth Moody Jones strives to impact more than just individual patients through her work at the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Beth remains deeply committed to service, actively contributing to volunteer roles focused on shaping policies related to clinical practice, research, admissions, and advocacy.



Alumni Achievement Award Recipient 2025



Cheryl Gunter

(University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1976)

Dr. Cheryl Gunter earned her PhD in Speech Communication from the University of Texas-Austin and has taught audiology and speech-language pathology courses across five universities. She currently serves as a Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Associate Dean of the College of Health Sciences at West Chester University.

Alumni Achievement Award Recipient 2025

Jon Waggoner

(Auburn University, 1991)

- Jon currently serves as Secretary to the Auburn University Board of Trustees. Deeply committed to student success, he mentors student leaders and supports those aspiring to serve in the student government. His accessibility and insight have left a lasting impact on students and colleagues alike. Jon's career is a testament to sustained leadership, service, and excellence in the fields of both law and higher education.



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Alumni Achievement Award

Thank you, Barb!



Thank you, Katie!



Distinguished Lifetime Member

The Distinguished Lifetime Member Award honors alumni members who were initiated as a collegiate or honorary member and are many years past their undergraduate degree. These recipients have retained significant and meaningful connections and service to Mortar Board through collegiate or alumni chapters, programs or events; have demonstrated groundbreaking community or campus leadership on a regional, national, or international plane; and has epitomized the meaning of a lifetime of service to Mortar Board.

Distinguished Lifetime Member



Glenda Guyton

Carson-Newman College, 1974

Glenda was initiated as an honorary member at Carson-Newman University in 1974. She had a decades long career at the University of Alabama where she served as chapter adviser to the Hypatia chapter for over two decades. Glenda volunteered nationally as a Section Coordinator and Alumni Representative to the National Council.

Distinguished Lifetime Member Glenda Guyton



Distinguished Lifetime Member

Catherine Nelson Evans

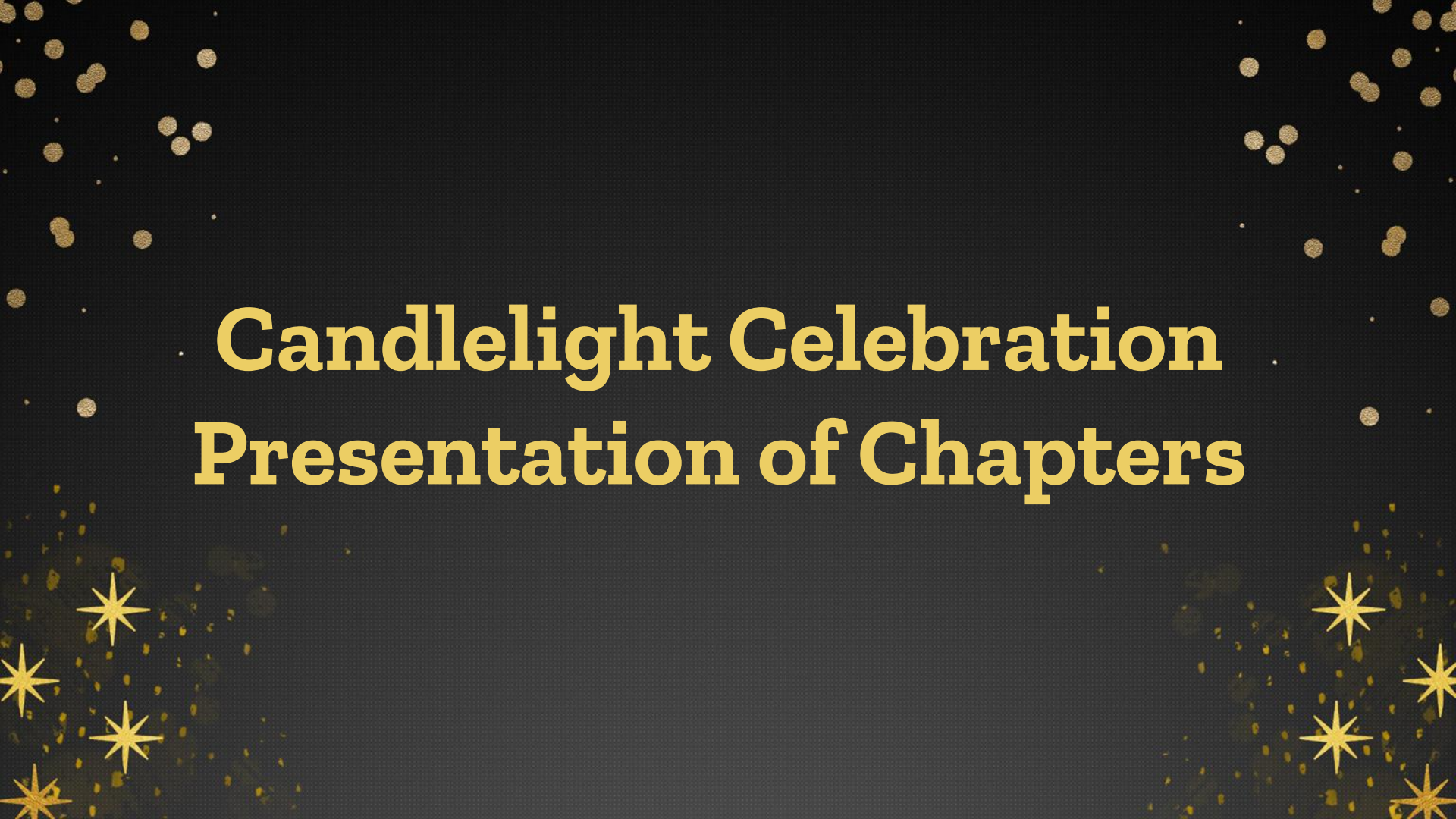
Texas Tech University, 1957

Catherine was initiated into Mortar Board in 1957 and began her decades long service on the national level soon after, starting as a Section Coordinator in 1962. She served as Mortar Board's 13th National President from 1973 - 1976, during our most defining moment in history. Catherine is a member of the Torch Society and served on the Centennial Celebration Steering Committee.



Distinguished Lifetime Member Catherine Nelson Evans



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Candlelight Celebration Presentation of Chapters

The Torch

The God of Great Endeavor gave me a torch to bear.
I lifted it high above me in the dark and murky air,
And straightway, with loud hosannas, the crowd proclaimed its light
And followed me as I carried my torch through the starless night.
'Til drunk with the people's praises, and mad with vanity,
I forgot 'twas the torch that they followed,
And fancied they followed me.

Then slowly my arm grew weary upholding the shining load,
And my tired feet went stumbling over the dusty road,
And I fell—with the torch beneath me. In a moment the light was out,
When lo from the throng a stripling sprang forth with a mighty shout,
Caught up the torch as it smoldered, and lifted it high and tall,
'Til, fanned by the winds of heaven, it fired the souls of all.

As I lay in the darkness, the feet of the trampling crowd
Passed over and far beyond me, its paeans proclaiming aloud,
And I learned in the deepening twilight, the glorious verity,
'Tis the torch that the people follow,
Whoever the bearer may be.

Hold High The Torch & Conference Closing

Thank You, Conference Planning Team!



Presidential Transition

Presidential Charge:

Nathan Cordle

(The University of Alabama, 2011)

Motion for Adjournment

Thank you for attending!

We'll send an email in a few days with the conference evaluation and contact sheet.

Have a great evening.

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Welcome to the President's Reception