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Mortar Board National Honor Society Announces the 2025 Starlington Prize Award Winners

Columbus, OH — Mortar Board National College Honor Society, the premier national honor society recognizing college juniors and seniors for their achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service, proudly announces the winners of the 2025 Starlington Prize. The Starlington Prize for Extraordinary Mortar Board Membership is awarded each year to two 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.

The following individuals have been honored for exemplifying Mortar Board values:

Maddox Spinelli, *University of Washington*— As President of the Tolo chapter, Maddox led its reactivation by restoring operations, rebuilding its campus presence, and guiding members to meaningful engagement, including a service project with Backpack Brigade.

Grace Tang, *Carnegie Mellon University*— As President of the Eta chapter at CMU, Grace revitalized the chapter through strategic recruitment, expanded service, and innovative fundraising, doubling membership and setting a strong foundation for future success.

To learn more and watch the official award video visit:

<https://mortarboard.org/collegiate-award-recipients/>

This award was created in honor of Dr. Martha L. Starling (Kansas State University, 1962) and Capt. Sally Watlington (Purdue University, 1959), two extraordinary Mortar Boards who embody the Society's ideals and have remained dedicated to its mission throughout their lifetimes.

About Mortar Board National Honor Society

Founded in 1918, Mortar Board National College Honor Society recognizes college juniors and seniors for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. With 235 chapters nationwide, it empowers students to make a lasting impact and is a proud member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). Learn more at mortarboard.org.

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