

## What is Mortar Board?

Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college juniors and seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership, and service. Membership provides a lifelong network and connection to other leaders, scholars, and service-minded individuals across many generations, career industries, and locations.



## About Us

Mortar Board was founded in 1918 as an interdisciplinary honor society for college senior women. Under Title IX, the Society began accepting all genders in 1975, adding to its purpose “to emphasize the advancement of the status of women” and “to promote equal opportunities among all peoples.”

Mortar Board has chartered **235** chapters nationwide, with over **100 active today** and welcoming **3,000 new members annually**. With an **alumni network of over 300,000**, Mortar Board’s people are its greatest asset.

## Notable Members

Our alumni span academic disciplines and careers. They include U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove, astronauts John Glenn, Judith Resnik, and Jonny Kim, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, TV star Fred Rogers, actors LeVar Burton and Rue McClanahan, NFL quarterback Drew Brees, Olympic Gold Medalist & WBNA star Katie Smith, and more!



## By the Numbers...

<b>107+</b>	Years of Excellence
<b>235</b>	Chartered Campuses
<b>100+</b>	Active Chapters
<b>3,000</b>	Students Annually
<b>300,000+</b>	Alumni
<b>11,500+</b>	Hours of Service Last Year
<b>50+</b>	Elected/Appointed National Leaders
<b>100+</b>	Volunteers Annually
<b>200+</b>	Chapter Advisors
<b>1</b>	<b>Society, Countless Opportunities</b>



## Personal, Professional & Leadership Development

- \$30,000+ available annually in Graduate Fellowships
- Annual National Leadership Conference
- Networking
- Career development series
- Alumni mentorship
- Lectures, workshops, & panels
- Bish Collegiate Fellows Program
- Annual publications
- Student-governed, alumni guided

Did you  
know?

**Mortar Board National College Honor Society was a featured answer on Jeopardy?**





## FAQs

### Why Mortar Board?

Most honoraries focus on just your grades. Mortar Board's focus on scholarship, leadership, and service empowers top scholars to continue their leadership development and service to the campus and community.

### Is Mortar Board legit?

**Yes!** We were founded in 1918 and have a selective process with a national reputation of recognizing high achieving students. Mortar Board is also a **certified member** of the **Association of College Honor Societies**, which helps ensure the credibility of honor societies.

### How do I join?

Academically eligible rising junior and senior students are **invited to apply**. Eligible students **submit an application** detailing academic, leadership, and service accomplishments to their campus-based chapter or the National Chapter if your campus does not currently have a chapter. Applications are reviewed and **new members are selected by current members**. If selected, students are **"tapped,"** which is a long-standing Mortar Board tradition. All new members attend an **initiation ceremony** to officially become a member!

### How much does it cost?

Mortar Board's **lifetime membership** is a **one-time** payment of **\$100**. The lifetime membership continues to provide resources and connections after you graduate, including a vast alumni network - *no additional fees are charged*. Chapters may add local dues for programming. Mortar Board is committed to ensuring finances are never a barrier to membership through payment plans and gift memberships.

**Mortar Board's first National Conference took place in 1918! Over 100 years later, the annual National Leadership Conference is still Mortar Board's signature event.**

Did you know?

## TOP 10 Member Benefits

- Experience a lifetime membership and lifelong engagement
- Gain campus and national recognition of achievement
- Participate in professional and career development series
- Access to *"The Forum"* bi-annual magazine
- Benefit from graduate fellowships and Bish Collegiate Fellows Program
- Engage in leadership programs and national governance opportunities
- Attend member-focused programs (Last Lecture Series, Career Panel, National Conference, and more)
- Connect through networking and mentorship opportunities
- Contribute through service and impact opportunities
- Enjoy exclusive member discounts & perks



## TOP 10 Institutional Benefits

- Demonstrates a commitment to student excellence
- Encourages collaboration between faculty and students
- Develops student leadership
- Provides professional and career development
- Fosters community and a sense of belonging
- Strengthens cross-organization partnerships
- Enhances campus and community service
- Nurtures a legacy of leadership, service, and tradition
- Increases student access to graduate schools and career opportunities
- Advances opportunities for recognition of faculty, staff, and students

