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Are you headed to graduate school next year? Or, do you do you know a Mortar Board member who is starting or continuing their graduate studies? Don't miss the opportunity to **apply for a Mortar Board Fellowship!**

Since 1941, the Mortar Board Fellowship is an **exclusive member benefit** that supports members' post-graduate pursuits annually.

Eligible members are encouraged to learn more and apply today at mortarboard.org/fellowships.

Applications are due March 15!

[Learn More and Start Your Fellowship Application](#)



Step Into Leadership: Two National Volunteer Roles Open



Two national volunteer opportunities are now open, and we're excited to **invite students** and recent **alumni** to apply.

Become a Conference Advisory Board Member

The **Conference Advisory Board (CAB)** is seeking members to serve on the larger Conference Team, meeting biweekly in a virtual format to discuss ways to enhance the conference experience for collegiate members. This group will focus on engagement and creating a meaningful, student-centered conference experience, with a particular emphasis on planning for the in-person **National Conference in Columbus, Ohio, September 25–27, 2026**.

[Learn More & Submit Your CAB Application](#)

Applications are due April 1.

Become a Region Coordinator

We're also accepting applications for **Region Coordinators**, a **crucial volunteer role** that supports and guides chapters throughout the year. Each of the six regions is supported by a team of 2–4 Region Coordinators who **work collaboratively to assist chapters and strengthen regional connections**. Region Coordinators can expect to spend approximately 5–10 hours per month and will be part of our national leadership team.

[Learn More & Submit Region Coordinator Interest](#)

Deadline to apply is April 1, or you may **nominate someone** for this role today.

108 Years Strong: Mortar Board Week in Review



We wrapped up an **incredible Mortar Board Week** feeling energized and grateful for this amazing community.

Throughout the week, Mortar Board members came together to celebrate scholarship, leadership, and service in ways that were meaningful, joyful, and full of connection.

From a thought-provoking Last Lecture to engaging social media programs, to thanking our generous donors and volunteers, the week was packed with moments that **reminded us why Mortar Board matters**. The Advisor Meet-Up and the Student Town Hall sparked great conversations, Mortar Board

Trivia brought out friendly competition, and the Gift of Membership initiative helped ensure that more students can experience Mortar Board.

Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and celebrated. Because of you, Mortar Board's impact keeps growing long after the week ends.

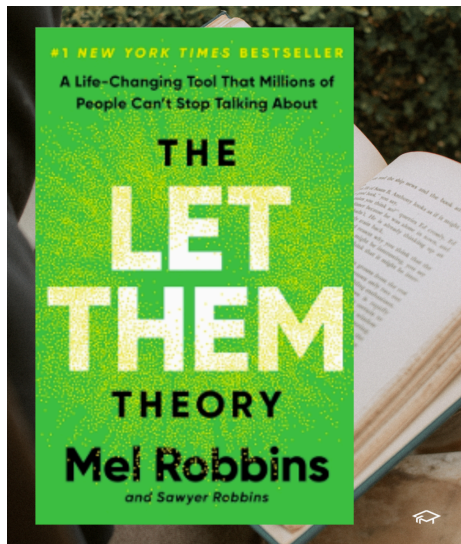
Missed our inaugural Last Lecture Series: *Lessons on Leadership* with Gail Harrison Corvette?

No problem! Watch the recording on our YouTube page.



[Watch Gail's Last Lecture on Lessons on Leadership](#)

Mark Your Calendar for the Spring Mortar Board Book Club



Sunday, April 12, 2026

**7:00pm Eastern / 6:00pm Central /
5:00pm Mountain / 4:00pm Pacific /
1:00pm Hawaii**

All members are welcome to join for connection, engagement, and thoughtful discussion as we dive into *The Let Them Theory* by Mel Robbins (and Sawyer Robbins).

[Register for Book Club](#)

Special National Conference Recap

The Special National Conference, held in January, brought together collegiate leaders, alumni, and advisors for meaningful discussion and important governance action. During the conference, **members elected Brendan Wall**, PhD (Illinois State University, 2018) as Vice President, **Katie Verschelden** (Kansas State University, 2002) to a second term as Secretary, and **Leslie**

Ellis (Lenoir-Rhyne University, 2015) to a second term as Alumni Representative.

All six proposed amendments to the bylaws were approved. More information about the candidates and the adopted amendments can be found in the [Guide to Governance](#).

We were energized by the engaging dialogue centered on our primary theme, **Member Engagement**. Participants broke into six regions, where student panelists shared successful strategies for keeping members engaged and encouraging new member involvement from day one. The Student Advisory Board captured key takeaways, and a summary of ideas was distributed to all chapter officers. We are proud of the work our chapters are doing to make Mortar Board an engaging and inclusive community.



Gift of Membership

Our collegiate chapters are busy selecting new members this spring season! Show your love for our new members by giving the gift of membership. Make a **recurring gift of just \$10/month** or a one-time donation of \$100 to cover membership dues for one student and make an impact that lasts a lifetime.



Give the Gift of Membership



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