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Recognizing Excellence: Collegiate *and* Alumni Award Nominations Open

Alumni Awards



Are you or another Mortar Board alum you know making a difference in your profession, community, or continued service to Mortar Board?

We want to recognize outstanding achievements and dedication! Mortar Board is **now accepting nominations and applications for our annual Mortar Board Alumni Awards**. These awards celebrate alumni who exemplify the ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service in their lives and careers.

Deadline to apply/nominate: May 15

[Learn More and Submit Your Nomination for Alumni Awards](#)

Collegiate Awards

It's time to celebrate the incredible work happening across Mortar Board! Nominations are now open for our **Collegiate Awards**, recognizing chapters that exemplify excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Chapters can apply for **Outstanding Achievement, Project Excellence, Inclusive**

Excellence, and the **Gold Torch Award** directly through the Chapter Annual Report. Alumni or advisors who would like to nominate a chapter for one of these honors can use a separate nomination form.

Applications are also open for several of Mortar Board's highest honors, including the **Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award**, **Freeman & Fox Most Improved Chapter Award**, **Excellence in Advising Award**, and the **Starlington Prize**. Each of these awards has its own application.

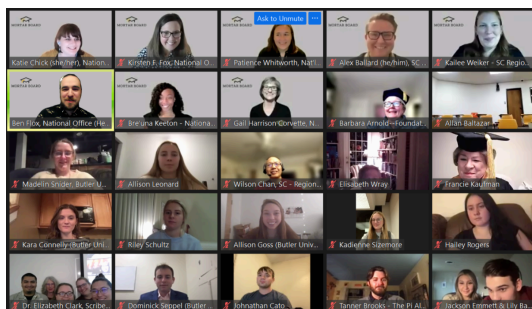
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[Submit Your Nomination and View Past Awardees](#)



Help Mortar Board Grow: Invite Someone to Apply to the National Chapter

The virtual **National Chapter** of Mortar Board offers high-achieving students the chance to join our prestigious honor society even if their campus doesn't have an active chapter. In 2025, the Mortar Board student delegation voted to create the National Chapter, opening the doors for students nationwide to connect, lead, and grow together. Members enjoy an experience like a traditional campus chapter, with monthly meetings, leadership training, professional development, and national programming, all within a supportive community that celebrates scholarship, leadership, and service.



If you know a student who exemplifies these values, **help them take advantage of this unique opportunity!** Eligible students have completed at least 50% of their bachelor's degree, maintain a **3.3 GPA or higher**, and demonstrate excellence in **leadership and service**. Encourage them to **apply by May 1** to join the growing National Chapter and experience the full benefits of Mortar Board membership.

[Learn More About the National Chapter](#)



Conference Registration is Open: Join Us in Columbus



Join us for the **Mortar Board National Conference 2026** in **Columbus, Ohio, September 25–27!** Each chapter is required to send at least one student representative, and alumni and advisors are warmly invited to attend as well. **Registration is now open!**

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with Mortar Board **members from across the country, learn more about the organization, share your chapter's successes, and invest in your personal and professional development.** You'll return home with fresh ideas, new connections, and inspiration to strengthen your community.

[Learn More and Register for the 2026 Conference](#)



April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want to sincerely **thank the more than 100 dedicated volunteers** who make Mortar Board what it is. Whether you serve as a Chapter Advisor, a Region Coordinator, a fellowship reader, a committee member, or on the National Council or Foundation Board of Trustees, you give your time, energy, and heart to this work. You show up to support and lead because you care deeply about our students and our Society, and for that we are thankful. Along the way, our volunteers also bring fun and joy to this work by building connections, sharing experiences, and forming lasting friendships.

Because of you and the spirit you bring, **Mortar Board continues to grow and thrive.** We are so grateful for all that you do!





Mortar Board **welcomed our 236th chapter** with the **installation of the Semper Porro chapter at Benedictine College** in Atchison, Kansas on April 10, 2026. Led by advisor Dr. Keevan Statz, a Mortar Board from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, the chapter initiated an inaugural class of 28 students and recognized 3 honorary members, including President Stephen D. Minnis.

The chapter name, *Semper Porro*, meaning “Always Forward,” reflects both campus tradition and the forward-looking spirit of Mortar Board. Read the full story in the upcoming Spring issue of *The Forum*.



Chapter Annual Reports Due May 15

It’s that time—your **Chapter Annual Report is due May 15** (June 1 for quarter schools not applying for awards), and **submission is mandatory**. This report is your chance to share updated officer information, highlight your chapter’s activities, provide a snapshot of finances and overall chapter health, and apply for collegiate awards. It also serves as a valuable transition document for your incoming officers, so please take the time to complete it thoughtfully.



[Start Your Report Here](#)

We're excited to see all you've accomplished this year!



"Clean Up" Your Member Profile



Update Your Member Information

You may be doing some spring cleaning at your house, and we're doing some at the National Office too! **Help us clean up our new member database by updating your information.** Add a picture, make sure that we have your latest mailing address, or share your latest career information with us!

If this is your first time logging in to YourMembership (YM), our new member database, please follow the instructions on the landing page to reset your password. Use the same email address this MBits message was sent to, as it is the one currently associated with your account.



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Graduation is just around the corner! **Make sure to place your order for our official Mortar Board stoles, cords, and medallions.**

Orders of **10 items or more** are eligible for a **10% discount** and free standard shipping with the promo code **BulkDiscount**.

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