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Congratulations to the 2026 Mortar Board Fellowship Recipients!

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of Mortar Board's 2026–2027 Fellowships! This year, we received a **record-breaking 89 applications**, making it the largest and most competitive applicant pool in the program's history.

These outstanding scholars were selected for their academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to making a meaningful impact in their communities and fields of study.

Congratulations to this year's fellowship recipients!



Ava Heintzelman

(University of Montana, 2024)

**Mortar Board National Foundation
Fellow**



Shelby Morlock

(Texas Tech University, 2023)

**Mortar Board National Foundation
Fellow**



Lauren Ellis

(University of Washington, 2024)

Mortar Board Diane Selby Fellow



Chansei Ziemann

(University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2023)



Jennifer Lundgren

(San Diego State University, 2023)



Olivia Beckett

(The Ohio State University, 2024)

Mortar Board Diane Selby Fellow

Ellen North Dunlap Fellow

Purdue University's Barbara Cook
Fellow



Minxing Liu

(Wake Forest University, 2025)

Ramier + Katherine Wills Coleman

Fellow



Samuel Buss

(University of Nebraska-Kearney, 2023)

Ruth Weimer Mount Fellow



Dillon Cook

(The University of Alabama, 2024)

Vivian Townsend Bish Fellow



Jason Packard

(Purdue University, 2024)

Washington State + Zelma Patchin-Oklahoma State

Fellow

Congratulations to the Honorable Mentions!



Katherine Gray

(The University of Alabama, 2025)



Dev Mehta

(University of South Alabama, 2024)



Lily Nichols
(College of Charleston, 2025)



Mishaal Omer
(Case Western Reserve University, 2023)

[Learn More About the 2026-27 Fellows & Honorable Mentions](#)

Collegiate Awards Announcement Day: Mark Your Calendars for July 15

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Collegiate Awards, where we will celebrate outstanding achievements and recognize exemplary contributions from our members. **Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 15!**



Awards to Be Announced:

- Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence
- Freeman & Fox Most Improved Chapter
- Starlington Prize for Extraordinary Mortar Board Membership
- Excellence in Advising
- Gold Torch
- Project Excellence
- Outstanding Achievement
- Inclusive Excellence

Throughout the day, we will be releasing videos of our national leaders showcasing all of our incredible award recipients. **Follow us on Mortar Board's Instagram account (@Mortar_Board)** to catch every moment and cheer on your fellow Mortar Boards!

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What Do You Want to Read Next?

Mortar Board will host a book club in the fall, and we need you to **help us decide what to read**. We're seeking book recommendations and facilitators to guide our next discussion.

Submit your recommendations today!

Submit Your Book
Recommendation



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 must send at least one student representative, and alumni and advisors are warmly invited to attend as well.

Do not 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**.

Preferred Registration by June 30!

Learn More and Register for the 2026 Conference

Mortar Board National Conference 2026 
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Support a Chapter's Attendance at Conference



By **Adopting a Chapter**, you're ensuring the chapter remains in good standing and can attend the National Conference. Whether a partial gift or the full amount (\$350), your support goes a long way! National Conference is a critical part of a chapter's success, giving them access to valuable resources, training, and support needed to provide valuable experiences for their members.

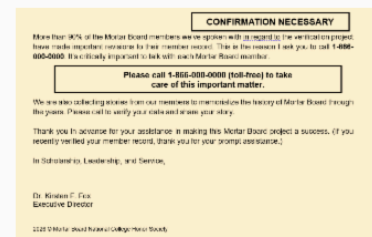
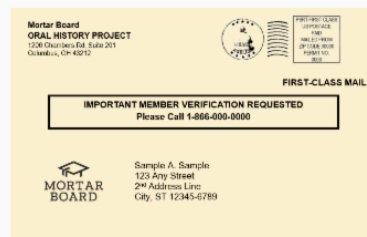
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Share Your Mortar Board Stories!

Mortar Board is excited to partner with Publishing Concepts, Inc., (PCI) to launch an **Oral History Project** to capture and preserve the voices, experiences, and impact of our members, both past and present. This initiative offers a meaningful opportunity for individuals to share their personal Mortar Board story and reflect on how our Society has shaped your leadership journey and lifelong commitment to scholarship, leadership, and service.

In addition to capturing these inspiring stories, PCI will assist with collecting updated biographical information from alumni, ensuring we maintain accurate records and stay connected with Mortar Board members across the nation and beyond. In the coming months you will receive postcards and emails with more information on how to participate. We urge you to **share your stories**, and in doing so, help us preserve our history.



EXAMPLE POSTCARD

Thank you to those members who have already updated your information and shared your story!

Learn More about the Mortar Board Oral History Project

REMINDERS!



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Email us at news@mortarboard.org with your update.

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