

Mortar Board Alumni

TOLO CHAPTER RECEIVES
MORTAR BOARD'S
TOP NATIONAL HONOR

March 2010

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Tolo celebrates!

An event this special comes only once every 100 years!

A big, bold idea was hatched in December 1909 at the University of Washington.

Nine women students decided they and their feminine peers should have a greater voice in campus affairs and more recognition for work well done. Two prestigious honor societies for men were a Washington tradition then. Why not such an honor for senior women? So the seed took root... and Tolo Club was born!

Tolo's changes since 1909 have been breathtaking. Among significant changes was Mortar Board's 1976 inclusion of men.

With its storied history and achievements and its exciting future, the Tolo Chapter of Mortar Board celebrates its 100th anniversary at a festive, fun-filled, and inspiring Mortar Board Centennial Brunch on Saturday, April 17! **ALL Mortar Board alumni (regardless of Mortar Board university) are invited!**

- See what Seattle (and the UW) were like in 1909!
- Enjoy Tolo's remarkable, lively history. View displays through the decades!
- Be surprised by... (shhh! a secret!)
- Savor Mortar Board friendships and fellowship!
- Be part of an official photo to be published!

YOU are invited to this Not-To-Be-Missed Event for all Mortar Boards! **Your RSVP (with check) is needed no later than Saturday, April 10 (see enclosed form). Cost is \$27.00 per person. (Please respond to this newsletter invitation. An additional invitation will not be sent.)**

Send your reservation to 11556 23rd AvenueNE, Seattle, WA 98125. Questions? Call Barbara Peterson (206.364.8767), or email mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com

Mortar Board Alumni Tolo Centennial Brunch

Saturday morning, April 17, 2010

University of Washington Club (formerly Faculty Club)

9:00 am – social mixer

9:30 – 11:30 am – brunch, program

MORTAR BOARD ALUMNI / TOLO FOUNDATION

Seattle

A word from the Board...

What a family we are. Whether we graduated as a Tolo from the UW or as a Mortar Board from one of over 60 other colleges and universities represented in our Foundation's membership, whether we graduated quite a few years ago or whether we will graduate this June, we are family.

We are united in the belief in the importance of scholarship, leadership, and service — timeless values in an ever-increasingly complex age. We are believers in giving to causes larger than oneself.

- We congratulate Tolo Chapter on receiving Mortar Board's highly coveted Ruth Weimer Mount Award for Chapter Excellence as the most outstanding chapter in the nation. This supreme honor was a fitting tribute to Tolo's centennial and outstanding history.
- That highly significant anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, April 17. We are deeply hopeful that **YOU** — regardless of your undergraduate university — can join the festive Tolo Centennial Brunch!
- In the coming months, there will be additional recognition of the centennial (including a written history sent to all Foundation members), but April's Tolo Centennial Brunch will be singular and exciting in its celebration. Come... enjoy a lively, great time!
- As we enter our second century, the Foundation's Board of Directors has a goal of expanding leadership representation, particularly from among those who graduated in the last three decades. If Mortar Board is a leadership/service arena you'd like to pursue, please email us. It is a fulfilling torch to carry.
- If you haven't done so yet, please send your email contact information to us at mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com. To preserve funds for scholarship awards, we need to use electronic communications as much as possible. Early notice of April's Tolo Centennial Brunch was sent to the email addresses we have.
- Finally, we love to hear from you! Whether it's updating your contact information, conveying a suggestion or question, sending a gift, offering to help... hearing from you makes a big impact. Stay in touch!

Hope to see you at the celebration on April 17th!

Foundation Scholars Shine

Through a highly competitive selection process, seventeen outstanding UW students were selected for Mortar Board Alumni scholarships, which totaled \$25,000 in awards for this academic year. Academic majors range from music performance to nutritional science, from public affairs and biology to international studies, communications, psychology, and more.

2009/2010 Mortar Board scholars (and their awards) include the following:

Dominique Alex	(Margaret Hadley)
Anna Carroll	(Tolo Heritage)
Manoucheka Celeste	(Madeline Jones Campbell, Tolo)
Siu Ying Chan	(Elizabeth Ayers)
Amy Grinsteiner	(Ruth and Marshall McDonald, Tolo)
Amy Hendrickson	(Dorothea Taylor, Tolo)
Lisa Higgins	(Betty Benson Runstad)
MeeAe Hong	(Elizabeth Ayers)
Laura Machia	(Margaret Hadley)
Gabriel Manalac	(Music Performance)
Peter Mann-King	(Elizabeth Ayers)
Erin Murphy	(Margaret Graham/Priscilla Renwick Trzcinski)
Victoria Nguyen	(Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson)
Erika Nicks	(Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson)
Andra Snow	(Anderson-Schuler)
Jamie Stroble	(Dr. Eleanor Hadley)
Jordan Swarthout	(John and Willa O'Connor, Tolo)

Named scholarships are the result of significant gifts honoring or memorializing esteemed Mortar Board alumni.



When the defining moment comes,
either you define the moment,
or the moment defines you.
— *Tin Cup*

UW's Tolo Chapter Receives Top National Honor

Tolo Chapter was recognized at the 2009 Mortar Board National Conference with Mortar Board's highest national honor for a collegiate chapter: the Ruth Weimer Mount Chapter Excellence Award. This award is presented to the nation's most exceptional chapter.

The chapter, chosen after a thorough nomination and selection process, must exemplify the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service in the most outstanding manner, clearly standing out as one of Mortar Board's top collegiate chapters. The recipient is selected based on a variety of criteria, including chapter operations, campus visibility, member participation, advising, communications and chapter projects.

Additionally, Tolo Chapter was one of just 32 select chapters (of 228 chartered Mortar Board chapters) to take home the Golden Torch Award, presented to outstanding chapters that are superb, timely and go above and beyond the minimum standards throughout the academic year. Nominees are chosen to receive the award based on their devotion to Mortar Board's three key ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.



Incoming Tolo president Doug McManaway (2010), Tolo advisor Margot Smith, and outgoing Tolo president Nicole Fernandez (2009) accepted the chapter's awards at the 2009 Mortar Board National Conference. Dr. John T. Mount, widower of Ruth Weimer Mount, is at the right.

Finally, the chapter was among 28 groups to receive a Project Excellence Award for its recognition of outstanding UW faculty. Undergraduates

throughout the campus nominate faculty making inspiring and distinguished contributions to undergraduate education.

Tolo Centennial Scholarship

Tolo's 2010 Centennial Tapped Class is excited to participate in the Mortar Board Alumni Centennial Brunch on Saturday, April 17th! We look forward to visiting with our Seattle alumni, who are a unique "expanded family" of both graduates from the UW and graduates from other Mortar Board universities across the country.

Tolo Chapter continues to build on this foundation of excellence and rich traditions from prior classes. Eight Tolo classes in a row have worked hard to build the Tolo Centennial Scholarship

Endowment to provide scholarships to deserving UW students exemplifying Mortar Board core values of scholarship, leadership, and service.

Funding this endowment is more important than ever! Deep budget cuts for the UW during this economically stressful time are dramatic. The 26% cut in the University's budget took our state funding to a level we have not seen since 1999, and consequently, student tuition is increasing dramatically. The cost of attaining a higher

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education is becoming a huge challenge for many. Now, more than ever, it is important for those who are able to support students of promise.

To encourage donations to this important endowment, we are suggesting recognition by classes. The class donating the largest collective amount, in addition to the class having the highest percentage of donors, will receive special recognition with the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation centennial publication.

As a guideline (though other gifts are welcome!), we suggest a donation of \$5 for every 5 years of your alumni status. For example,

- Members of the Classes of 1995-1999 are encouraged to give \$15
- Members of the Classes of 1990-1994 are encouraged to give \$20
- Members of the Classes of 1985-1989 are encouraged to give \$25, etc.

All Mortar Board alumni, regardless of their university of Mortar Board affiliation, are invited to participate. All donations will receive tax receipts and letters of appreciation from Tolo Chapter.

We hope we can count on your unflinching support.

Amanda Sekijima
Endowment Chair,
Tolo Class of 2010

Make donations payable to "Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation" and indicate Tolo Centennial Scholarship on your check's memo line.

Tolo Huskies fight cancer through Relay for Life

The Tolo Class of 2010 ("Tolo Huskies") will participate in the UW's annual Relay for Life event on Saturday, May 22. The actives invite support from Mortar Board alumni for this all-night fundraising effort fighting cancer.

Relay for Life is an overnight event that unites the community to support the American Cancer Society's mission to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. This year, cancer will strike more than 1.3 million Americans and take more than a half million lives.

The Society's goal is to prevent cancer and save lives by supporting groundbreaking research, shaping public policies that protect us from cancer, and educating people on how to prevent or detect cancer early. Programs and services are provided to help cancer patients. Most of the funds raised at the UW Relay support research efforts in the Seattle area, which includes the University of Washington Medical Center.

Could you help Tolo Chapter's cancer fundraising efforts? Go to uwrelay.org and search for team name "Tolo Huskies" to make an online donation. Or, you may write a check to American Cancer Society and mail it to the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation's post office address.

We enormously appreciate your support.

Caitlin Hanson
Relay for Life Chair,
Tolo Class of 2010

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Mortar Board online reference

You can reach the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation through email at

mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com

The Foundation's website is being developed:

<http://www.mortarboardtolo.org>

and an alumni Facebook page is being planned (to be announced).

Should you be interested in visiting other Mortar Board websites, the following may help you:

National Mortar Board's website:

<http://www.mortarboard.org>

UW Tolo Chapter's website:

<http://uwmortarboard.org>

Over 60 colleges and universities are represented in the Foundation's membership. To link to the websites of other collegiate Mortar Board chapters, visit

<http://www.mortarboard.org/chapter/list.html>

Calling MB Alums!

Your immediate help is needed... even if this newsletter has arrived at your correct address!

If you haven't previously done so, please take a moment — today — and send the following, even if you confirm unchanged information:

- *your name*
- *your mailing address*
- *your phone number*
- *your MB university and class graduation year*
- *your email address (if any; email addresses are important).*

To email your information, send to mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com

To mail to the Foundation, send to P.O. Box 53162, Bellevue, WA 98015

Your information is considered strictly confidential and will be used solely for Mortar Board communications. Please send right away. Thank you!

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