



Mortar Board Luncheon on May 3rd!

Preview



Page

- 1 Mortar Board Luncheon on Sunday, May 3!**
- 2 A Few Words from the Board. An Important Message. Financial Fitness Report.**
- 3 Honoring the Golden 1965s. A New Website!**
- 4 Foundation Scholars Excel.**
- 5 Tolo Chapter's Class of 2015.**
- 6 In Memoriam. Tribute to Margery Phillips.**

The date is very soon! It will be on a Sunday, at a new time!

The 2015 Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon will be held on

Sunday, May 3, 2015

**University of Washington Club
(formerly the Faculty Club)**

**11:00 am Social Hour and
Networking**

12 -1:30 p.m. Luncheon, Program

This year's keynote speaker personifies leadership in extraordinary situations. Barb Graff is Director of the City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management. She has managed the response to a number of Presidentially declared disasters and has a depth of experience with full-scale and functional exercises (see page 3). Her outstanding

leadership in critically important emergency management has been impressive on national, regional, and local levels.

Celebration, too, will be in the air, as we renew friendships, salute the Golden Class of 1965 and graduating seniors of the Class of 2015, and meet Tolo Foundation Scholars.

Your prompt RSVP (with check) is needed no later than Friday, April 24 (see enclosed form). Early reservations are advised! Cost is \$32 per person, or \$50 per person as a Sponsor, helping to underwrite the event.

Please respond to this Annual Report invitation. An additional mailing will not be sent. Send your reservation to Barbara Schlag Peterson, 11556 23rd Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98125. Questions? Call Barbara at 206.364.8767.

2014 Annual Meeting



A few words from the Board...

Timelines give an interesting perspective.

Looking back to rich and storied history: National Mortar Board celebrates its centennial in 2018. In Seattle, we will celebrate our own centennial as a Mortar Board alumni organization next year. We started as “Tolo Twig,” a small branch of Tolo, and from those early years onward, the Twig has grown into a Foundation.

Looking forward: years from now, alumni leadership succession implemented this decade will bring additional developments. Alumni have the great privilege of representing to collegiate members that Mortar Board ideals of distinguished scholarship, leadership, and service are lifelong values. Jane Hamblin shares on this page a sampling of stirring ways collegiates and alumni are changing the world.

Looking at the present: as the expression goes, there’s no time like it! Stimulating — and time-respectful — opportunities to shape Mortar Board alumni initiatives await you! Do you have only limited spare time? Or are you ready for a leadership post — or something in between? Would you like to mentor students, or serve as a resource for them?

Let’s explore the possibilities together. **You.** Your participation, your attendance, your thoughts are invited. Let’s be in touch now. Our future needs you.

Financial Fitness Report

A second strong investment market year resulted in a fiscal year ending balance of \$881,748 with net worth growth of \$112,335, year-over-year.

Your alumni foundation received \$7,372 in donations. It gained \$190,440 from investment sales, dividends, or capital gains as well as \$69,509 of appreciation. Alternately, it awarded \$36,001 in UW scholarships, made investment purchases of \$113,483, and incurred \$5,501 in operating expenses. These last expenses continue to be less than 1% percent of our fiscal year beginning balance and just .62% of our ending balance.

The success of maintaining volunteer oversight of our organization results in more dollars available for our scholarship purpose. Our tax accountant, taxes and annual report costs represent the greatest expense.

It will be through expanded online communications and a succession of volunteers that Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation will maintain such an enviable position. Your time and gifts will always be something for which the organization is ever grateful!

— *Barbara Schlag Peterson, Treasurer*

An Important Message from National Mortar Board

Scholarship matters. Mortar Board’s collegiate chapters select true scholars whose academic endeavors shine more brightly than a perfect GPA. We hear from our collegiate members across the country that scholarship means actual intellectual curiosity, genuine desire to broaden perspective, meaningful research, national presentations and world travel. They know. Scholarship matters.

Collegiate members are changing the world as devoted teaching assistants, respected researchers, engaged leaders in their disciplines, passionate human rights advocates and active citizens of their campus communities. A small subset — our newest Mortar Board Fellows — are clear proof. They are providing social and emotional support to preschool teachers, studying the law, excelling in lab and patient rotations, improving the way diesel engines work by reducing pollutants, conducting research on osteomyelitis, finding less addictive pain meds, and designing drugs for neurodegenerative disorders like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s Diseases. They know. Scholarship matters.

Our collegiate chapters tell about richly diverse programming — Last Lecture Series, faculty appreciation gatherings, Top Prof Awards, local scholarships, and tutoring and mentoring programs for younger students — the list is long. They know. Scholarship matters.

All this is possible because your gifts enhance the spirit of scholarship that has ever been a part of Mortar Board’s purpose. It matters that we provide fellowships for members’ postbaccalaureate advancement. It matters that collegiate chapter projects help the student body succeed in scholastic endeavor.

Scholarship matters. Your generosity matters.

With gratitude,

Jane A. Hamblin
Executive Director

Please!

If you haven’t yet provided your email address to the Foundation — or if your email address has changed, please send your current email address now! Your email contact is very important! It enables us to send you early notifications quickly, efficiently — and less expensively! Postal rates are high.

Help us conserve funds for much-needed scholarships. Your email address will be protected and used solely for Mortar Board communications.

A New Website!

After years of having simply a basic informational web page online, the Foundation now has a website! The URL (address) remains the same: www.mortarboardtolo.org.

Designed by Foundation Board Directors Ashley Kelmor and Jennifer Brennan, the website is a reference resource, as well as a source of up-to-the minute news. There even is a countdown to the next alumni event. The 2015 Annual Meeting is featured for the current countdown.

Some additional features of the website (e.g., photos through the years, alumni spotlight, collegiate chapter updates) will appear in coming months. Class announcements might be included, as well.

Ashley and Jennifer also are exploring setting up a LinkedIn group for Foundation alumni, which also would include postings for events and articles featuring members. They plan to explore online ticket systems for the 2016 Annual Meeting (while, of course, keeping the mail-in RSVP option for those who prefer that).

Should you have suggestions for programs or other services the Foundation might provide (e.g., setting up an effective LinkedIn profile? after-work meet-up? group service project?), contact Ashley or Jennifer through the Foundation.

Barb Graff: Keynote Speaker

Imagine the possible scale! Imagine the circumstances...

Barb Graff is Director of the City of Seattle's Office of Emergency Management. Her responsibilities include managing the multi-hazard interdepartmental emergency management program for the City of Seattle and coordinating its relation to other emergency response agencies and community groups. The program encompasses all phases of integrated emergency management including preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

Ms. Graff has been the Seattle Director since June of 2005. A graduate of the University of Washington, she served in a similar capacity for the City of Bellevue for 21 years. Under her leadership, Bellevue's emergency management program served as the pilot for the national Emergency Management Accreditation process.

She has managed the response to a number of Presidentially declared disasters and has a depth of experience with full-scale and functional exercises.

She currently chairs the national Emergency Management Program Review Committee and serves on the Emergency Management Accreditation Commission.

Regionally, she serves on the King County Advisory Committee on Emergency Management and Regional Homeland Security Council.

Barb Graff will be featured keynote speaker at the Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 3.

Honoring the Golden Class of 1965

This year's Golden Class experienced their collegiate senior year when the nation faced dramatic issues. Shortly before classes began in the fall, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which led to the massive military conflict of the Vietnam War. Civil rights became a major focus of the country during the Class of 1965's senior year. Martin Luther King, Jr., inspired a movement and received the Nobel Peace Prize. LBJ signed the Voters Rights Act into law in 1965. Campus unrest became widespread as civil rights and anti-war demonstrations grew. The era had lighter moments, as well. The Beatles' music and film *Hard Day's Night*, and the film *Mary Poppins* soared in popularity, for example.

Members of the Class of 1965 established a distinguished record of contributions on national, regional, and local levels. They have made differences.

The following Mortar Board Golden Grads of 1965 will be honored as part of the festivities at the Foundation's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 3. (Should you know of anyone inadvertently omitted from this list, please let us know. Thank you.)

Carolyn Johnson Allen, UW
Molly Crondahl Beiningen, UW
Carol Cooke Bunge, UW
Lynn Slade Comen, UW
Pat Cross, UW
Karen Akers Dickie, UW
Marilee McIntee Dolph, UW
Marilyn Hey Duncan, UW
Nancy Dyar, UW
Nancy Hull Edquist, UW
Betty Blackstone Feetham, U of Redlands
Joni Bradford Fiset, WSU
Alice Herm Foley, UW
Nora Ditman Holdsworth, UW
Kate Lanman Loveland, UW
Sandy Schwartz Matsen, UW
Mary Mike Green Mikkelsen, UW
Karen Hanson Munro, UW
Virginia Couden Stimpson, UW
Dr. Carrie Flaagan Sylvester, U of North Dakota
Molly Moore Van Marter, UW
Nancy Ann Watanabe, UW
Jane Clarke White-Vulliet, UW

Tolo Foundation Scholars Excel

Outstanding University of Washington students were selected from a highly competitive field of candidates to be 2014/2015 Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Scholars. Two of the 14 Scholars are Mortar Board actives (*).

The Foundation awarded a total of \$42,000 in scholarships for this academic year. Scholarships ranged from \$2,500 to \$3,500. (Foundation scholarship names are in parentheses.) Named scholarships are the result of significant gifts honoring or memorializing esteemed Mortar Board alumni.

Dashni Amin, senior; Philosophy, Law, Societies, Justice (Heritage, honoring Cassie Bryant/Florence Wiltsie/Carrie Cowgill-Thompson). An early entrant to UW, Dashni will receive in June her bachelor's degree with college honors and a minor in Philosophy. She hopes to better the legal and social condition of women in the Muslim world.

Kainen Bell, senior; Business Administration, Social Welfare (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson). Kainen plans to pursue a Ph.D. researching intersections between corporations and communities, particularly researching corporate philanthropy and the best methods of giving back.

David Alexander Boeckh, sophomore; Music Performance (Music Performance/Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson). Majoring in Organ Performance, David aims for a career as a church musician and performer. He hopes to increase the public's awareness and appreciation of the pipe organ's rich history and sound capabilities.

Amy Busch, senior; Linguistics, Speech and Hearing Sciences (Elizabeth Ayers). With a double major and a minor in American Sign Language, Amy is working toward a career as a speech language pathologist. She hopes to continue her research on non-standard dialects and speech disorders at the graduate level, and apply that knowledge to positively impact the lives of those with speech disorders.

Lisa Eberly, graduate student; Nutrition (Betty Runstad). A master's candidate in Public Health and Clinical Nutrition, and a Coordinated Dietetics program student, Lisa plans a career as a dietitian. She is conducting diabetes research and a pediatrics traineeship, and hopes to bridge the gap between nutrition and medicine to improve treatment of a variety of chronic diseases and genetic disorders.

Samantha Fisher, graduate student; Early Childhood Special Education (Margaret Hadley). Samantha is a second-year master's degree student and a graduate student assistant in a preschool classroom at the Experimental Education Unit. Upon graduating in June, Samantha hopes to teach in an inclusive preschool classroom.

Danielle Gilmour, senior; Community, Environment, and Planning (Margery Phillips). With her major and with minors in Geography and Nutritional Sciences, Danielle developed a passion for agriculture and nutrition policy. Her work as a campus and community advocate inspired her to work toward a healthier, more sustainable and equitable food system.

Jacquelyn Harvey-Knowles, graduate student; Communications (Madeline Jones Campbell/Tolo). A doctoral candidate, Jacqueline conducts research that works to improve the relational outcomes of individuals' facing serious health issues and outcomes.

Christi Anne Hofland, graduate student; Jackson School of International Studies (Dr. Eleanor Hadley). A master's candidate in Public Administration and International Studies, Christi Anne plans a career in public service and international relations with a focus on Russia and Eastern Europe. She is especially interested in cultural diplomacy and international exchange as a means of building cross-cultural understanding and developing inclusive approaches to international issues.

***MacKenzie Johnson, senior; Biochemistry (Elizabeth Ayers).** Striving to earn a well-rounded education, MacKenzie is pursuing Anthropology, Bioethics, and Humanities minors in addition to her focus on Biochemistry. She dreams of working in Eastern Washington as an oncologist, researching the elusive cure to cancer, and owning a lovable Bernese Mountain Dog.

Siyu Lu, junior; Accounting (Tolo). As an undergraduate, Siyu has studied Accounting and International Business. In addition to pursuing a public accounting career, Siyu will found a nonprofit organization that educates the public about personal finances and makes financial services accessible to all.

***Karl Marrett, senior; Neurobiology (Margaret Shaw Anderson/Dorothea Taylor/Bernthine Leiren Anderson-Schuler/Tolo).** Karl Marrett will graduate with departmental honors and a minor in Applied Math. His work has instilled a passion for advancing the clinical applicability of neuroengineering devices at the graduate level.

Benjamin Roe, graduate student; Public Affairs, Forestry (Tolo Centennial Scholarship/Tolo). Ben is pursuing a concurrent Master of Public Administration and Master of Science in Forest Resources. He plans to work in international forestry at the international level to develop policies that incorporate environmental conservation and sustainable practices.

Mona Sangesland, senior; Music (Music Performance/Elizabeth Ayers). An honors student, Mona is majoring in Flute Performance with a Japanese minor. She hopes to be principal flutist of a symphony orchestra and to teach flute lessons at the collegiate level.

Tolo Chapter: Collaboration Is Part of Strong Year



Mortar Board initiation, Tolo Class of 2015

Warm greetings from Tolo Chapter, Class of 2015! It is a tremendous privilege to share with you the great things we have done and will continue to do this year.

Mortar Board membership continues to be a highly rewarding experience — full of exploring new paths for Tolo’s future while embracing our chapter’s storied traditions. We truly are dedicated to scholarship, leadership and service, foundational pillars for each and every one of our accomplishments. These pillars have played an integral role in shaping one of our chapter’s newest ventures, the Circle of Honors. In collaboration with several other honor societies at the University of Washington, we co-hosted a week of honor society-related functions aimed at engaging the general student body with honor societies. Circle of Honors is intended to be a reflection of our organizations’ values, and represents an awesome collective effort among UW’s many esteemed societies. Tolo Chapter hopes this week is the beginning of a new tradition.

Circle of Honors is an example of collaboration, a Tolo theme that has emerged throughout the year. One such event was with the Minority Leaders of Communication, when we hosted civil rights legend Reverend Dr. Bernard Lafayette, UW Vice President of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Ed Taylor, and others on a panel about Ferguson, Missouri, and the racial issues our country faces today. Throughout the year, Tolo Chapter has worked with additional organizations on events. Through these efforts, we have gained even greater visibility and success, and cannot wait to see where these teamed efforts take us in the future.

Looking ahead, we are excited to initiate 42 new members as the Tolo

Class of 2016. Outstanding individuals were selected using an expanded selection process that involved group interviews in addition to normal selection procedures. Following initiation, the graduating and new classes will get to know each other and together will select the winner of our annual Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Award.

I would be remiss to not thank our alumni for your support of our annual holiday wreath drive. Between alumni and sales efforts on behalf of the active chapter, we sold over 120 wreaths and raised nearly \$1,000. It is through your ongoing support, and the traditions each of you helped to create and maintain during your time as undergraduates, that Tolo remains so strong and successful. Thank you!

2015 has been an excellent year and will continue to be with the enthusiasm of our current class and the excitement of the incoming class. Tolo continues to grow and shine as one of the best chapters of Mortar Board nationally, as well as on our own campus. Here’s to a great year and many more to come!

— Bryce Zane Ellis, Tolo Chapter President, 2014/2015



Tolo Chapter met with UW President Michael Young.

In Memoriam

We honor the following Mortar Board members who have departed:

Ann Alexander (UW, 1973)
Kathleen Oliver Busch (UW, 1953)
Elizabeth Flexer (UPS, 1980)
Phyllis Luvera Ennes (UW, 1946)
Dr. Beverly Ann Anderson Forbes (WSU, 1948)
Eleanor Bird Green (UW, 1939)
Vicki Beaudry Haynes (UW, 1959)
Eleanor Scheece Kane (UW, 1945)
Marianne Davis Nixon (UW, 1951)
Georgia Morrison Rohrbough (UW, 1960)
Ruth Morgan Sceva (UW, 1942)
Carolyn Hickox Smith (UW, 1951)
Joan Veit Hughes (Indiana University, 1942)

Tribute to Margery Phillips

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing, at the age of 97, of Mortar Board/Tolo alumna Margery R. Phillips, a University of Washington graduate and founder of the Margery R. Phillips Scholarship. Her scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student in Architecture through the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation scholarship program.

Margery was one of the most extensively published local architectural writers. As a *Seattle Times* journalist and editor, she was instrumental in establishing the Seattle Times-AIA Home of the Month program in 1953, the first of its kind in the country, with the organization then known as the Washington State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (now AIA). Margery continued writing monthly features for the first two decades of the program.

In appreciation of her many outstanding contributions to architecture, Margery was made an honorary member of AIA. Margery also devoted her time to many community organizations, including Children's Orthopedic Junior Board, the University of Washington Alumnae Board, the Northwest Horticulture Board, and both the King County Landmarks Commission and the Washington State Board for Historic Preservation, and others,

Many University of Washington students have benefited and will continue to benefit from the scholarship which Margery established.

Contacting Mortar Board

You can reach the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation and receive a personalized reply through email, our newly expanded website, and our postal address:

Email: mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com
Website: www.mortarboardtolo.org
Postal: **Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation**
P.O. Box 53162; Bellevue, WA 98015

If you are interested in visiting other Mortar Board websites, the following may help you:

National Mortar Board's contact information:

<http://www.mortarboard.org>
1200 Chambers Rd., Suite 201
Columbus, OH 43212
800-989-6266

Over 60 colleges and universities are represented in the Foundation's membership. For chapters not listed below, visit National Mortar Board's website.

UW Tolo Chapter: www.uwmortarboard.org

Pacific Lutheran University Black & Gold Chapter:

plu.edu/student-involvement/student-leadership-recognition/mortar-board

Seattle Pacific University Ivy Honorary:

spu.edu/orgs/ivy/Home.html

University of Puget Sound Otlah Chapter:

pugetsound.edu/academics/academic-honors/academic-honor-societies



*// You create a living by what you get.
You create a life by what you give. //*

—Winston Churchill

Legacy of Learning

We are so deeply grateful to the following individuals who have given to the Foundation and its scholarships program in 2014.

The need to support students through scholarship funds continues to be great. With dramatic increases in tuition during recent years, coupled with contraction of state support due to the recession, a college education is financially out of reach for many outstanding students.

Thank you to the following Friends of Mortar Board:

Kate Ahrens	Dorette Lemon
Larry Anderson	Lynn Lindsay
Elizabeth Bagshaw	Dorothy Marston
John R. Boyd	Alberta May-Koehler
Jennifer Brennan	Robin McCabe
June Botz Bright	Joyce McCallum
Carol Jeane Brown	Mary Mikkelsen
Joyce Kent Brown	Dianne Miller
Christine Burkhart	Anne Moldrem
Kathleen Busch	Margaret Morrison
Carol Coryell	Shirley Green Palmer
Dee Dickinson	Barbara Schlag Peterson
Deborah Easter	Barbee Tucker Pigott
Timmie Faghin	Darla Pomeroy
Sue Flexer	Cleo Raulerson
Diana Forman	Real Assets Property Services
Charlotte Green	Cleo Roberts
Barbara Hasten	Carol Scott-Kassner
Sylvia Haven	Elsie Simon
Kristi Helgeson	Janet Smith
Judy Hill Henderson	Helen Langer Smith
Nan Henriksen	Ina Lou Spady
Beverly Ikeda	Maria Szasz
Sue Lockett John	Elsie Taniguchi
Ashley Kolberg Kelmore	Barbara Tilly
Karen Koon	Sandra Gleason Walston
Maxine LeBeau	



MORTAR BOARD ALUMNI/TOLO FOUNDATION **Board of Directors, 2014/2015**

President	Margot Nilsen Smith
Treasurer	Barbara Schlag Peterson
Secretary	Stephanie Wilder
Director - Scholarships	Kristi Helgeson
Director - Donor Relations	Suzanne Whitacre
Director - Alumni Relations	Jennifer Brennan
Director - Alumni Relations	Ashley Kolberg Kelmore

Foundation Investment Committee:

Lynn Lindsay
Barbara Schlag Peterson
Cleo Raulerson
Stan Sidor
Barbara Johnston

Foundation Scholarship Committee:

Kristi Helgeson
Joyce Kent Brown
Stacy Tribble
Elizabeth Feetham
Hillary Holman

MORTAR BOARD ALUMNI / TOLO FOUNDATION
Post Office Box 53162 Bellevue, WA 98015

www.mortarboardtolo.org

email: mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com