

# Mortar Board Alumni

March 2019

## Annual Report



### Mortar Board Brunch: New View!

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It's coming soon — more festive than ever — and you are cordially invited!

This year's Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Brunch will be held at a "new" waterfront location with a gorgeous view of Lake Union and downtown Seattle!

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**Ivar's Salmon House**

**401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle**

**9:00 a.m. Social Mixer**

**9:30-11:30 a.m. Brunch, Program**

Shannon O'Donnell, KOMO News' vibrant, award-winning meteorologist, will be the keynote speaker. This invigorating, not-to-miss morning also will feature salutes to the Golden Class of 1969, the graduating Tolo Class of 2019, and our 2018/2019 Tolo Scholars.

**Make your reservation now! It must be received soon (by Saturday, April 20).**

Do you wish to sit with specific friends? Please let us know with your reservation.

**For your convenience, you may choose one of two options to make your reservation and payment:**

- You can register and pay online through the Foundation website's secure PayPal service (see page 3), OR
- You can send a check with your paper reservation form to 11556 23rd Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125.

Cost is \$40 per person, or \$60 per person as an "Angel," helping to underwrite the event. Cost is reduced for collegiates (\$20) and 50-year celebrants (\$25).

Questions? Call Barbara Schlag Peterson at 206.364.8767, or email [mortarboardalumi.tolo@gmail.com](mailto:mortarboardalumi.tolo@gmail.com)

2018 Annual Meeting



**MORTAR BOARD ALUMNI / TOLO FOUNDATION**

**Seattle**

## A few words from the Board...

Mortar Board alumni pass the torch of leadership through their continued connection to and support of the Society.

Alumni members are at the very heart of Mortar Board. They are the initiates who made a difference on their campus and have gone on to make a difference in their communities and the world. Graduation does not mean the end of Mortar Board - this is an organization that provides lifelong opportunities for involvement.

Seattle's Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation not only welcomes, but needs alumni to contribute their skills to the Foundation's important outreach. There are many stimulating opportunities to serve or lead — and all are very time-respectful of you.

Let's explore the possibilities! Let's be in touch now! Our future needs *you*.

## Financial Fitness Report

Our Foundation's net worth rose to \$1,068,112 at the May 31, 2018, end of its fiscal year. Representing an 8.5% increase over the prior year, it marked the second year of robust market gains and dividend growth. This balance concluded a year in which we awarded \$46,500 in scholarships and received \$7,319 in donations.

Expenses remain low. Of the \$5,512 in non-brokerage, unreimbursed expenses, printing and postage for the newsletter plus CPA fees and taxes represented the major portion. Sixteen UW students received scholarships in 2017-18. All awards were \$3000 except for one at \$2000 and one at \$3500. The amounts, proposed by the Scholarship Committee, are reviewed and authorized by the Board of Directors.

Of continued interest in the financial arena are the following...

- Receiving member emails to minimize printing and mailing cost. Email your contact information to [mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com](mailto:mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com). Your email address is maintained confidentially. We do not share our list.
- Being told of your employer's donation match program. The Boeing Company Employee Gift Match Program (for employees and retirees) has recognized us, and we now receive donation matches.
- Thanking those who took the leap to donating online to Tolo Scholarships and to Tolo Foundation-Greatest Need, or registering online for Foundation events. To securely donate or register, visit the Foundation's website at [www.mortarboardtolo.org](http://www.mortarboardtolo.org). PayPal discounts its fees for non-profits.
- Hearing from members with financial interest and expertise who would like to volunteer. We welcome participation from the next generation of talented Mortar Boards.

— *Barbara Schlag Peterson, Treasurer*

## Honoring the Golden Class of 1969

Imagine you are in college during the 1968/1969 academic year...

With the backdrop of the continuing war in Vietnam, Nixon is in his first year as President. Apollo 8 becomes first manned spacecraft to orbit the Moon and return safely to Earth, to be followed in 1969 by Neil Armstrong landing on the moon. PBS is established. Boeing rolls out its 747. And as a hint of progress to come: after 267 years, Yale decides to admit women undergraduates.

Since their Mortar Board year, members of the Golden Class of 1969 have achieved a very distinguished record of scholarship, leadership, and service to their professions and to the region and beyond. We will celebrate this outstanding class at the Annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, April 27.



*Initiation of the Tolo Class of 1969.*

Kathy Adam Admire, UW  
Anita Deasy Archer, UW  
Melinda Bargreen, UW  
Dr. P. Dee Boersma, Central Michigan University  
Joan Shotwell Boyd, UW  
Sheila Dietrich, Cornell College  
Martha Dilts, Miami University (Ohio)  
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Lynn Hogan, UW  
Mary Ellen Iversen, UW  
Sue Lockett John, UW  
Shirley Eicher Kiang, UW  
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Yvonne Yarbro-Benjarano, UW

## Keynote Speaker: Shannon O'Donnell

For those in the Puget Sound region: remember this February's Snowpocalypse, the substantial, recurring snowfalls that were so slow to melt? You may have been among the many hundreds of thousands closely watching broadcast news and the forecasts of Western Washington's skilled meteorologists to learn what future weather would be like. For years, Shannon O'Donnell, KOMO News' award-winning meteorologist, has been a standout in her field.

Shannon, a UW graduate in Atmospheric Sciences and a Mortar Board Tolo alumna, will be keynote speaker at this year's Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Brunch. She will share her experiences in finding her passion of meteorology and her insights about her on-air job and how she prepares for it.

Shannon's love for 'all things atmospheric' began as a youngster, when her elementary school covered a unit on weather. Seattle's beloved, longtime weatherman Harry Wappler came for a visit during their studies, and Shannon was hooked!

Before joining KOMO, Shannon was the morning meteorologist for seven years at the San Francisco NBC



## It remains that essential!

**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 so very important! 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.**

## Did you know?

Within Mortar Board's distinguished membership are alumni who are particularly well known. In addition to the alumni of this state, a few examples nationally include NFL New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (Purdue); Golden Girls star Rue McClanahan (University of Tulsa); diplomat and educator Condoleezza Rice (University of Denver); former Director of the National Science Foundation Rita Colwell (University of Denver).

station, KNTV. While in the Bay Area, she filled in many times on the national level at MSNBC and Early Today, and enjoyed working alongside the Today Show's Al Roker.

She was also a meteorologist for KING and NWCN from 1995 to 2000, and again in 2008. While in college, Shannon worked as a weather producer at KOMO, and credits Steve Pool's relentless lessons in front of the green screen for helping her make the leap to on-camera work!

As a UW undergraduate, Shannon worked as a research assistant in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Her duties included flying in P-3 aircraft over the Pacific to gather data designed to improve northwest storm forecasting, and launching weather balloons from the decks of NOAA research ships. She is now back in the Department assisting with various research projects.

Shannon enjoys the full circle experience of bringing weather education back into the classroom. She frequently visits area elementary schools with her traveling 'weatherwise' presentation, which enables the children to better understand concepts like pressure, clouds, precipitation and lightning as they assist her with various experiments. Her STEM outreach has been featured in publications by the Girl Scouts and Microsoft.

Shannon has received numerous awards in her field, including 'Best Meteorologist' by the Golden Gate Chapter of the American Women in Radio and Television. Among other laurels, she was part of the multiple Emmy-winning morning news program at KNTV.

[www.mortarboardtolo.org](http://www.mortarboardtolo.org)

Online news and payment convenience!

**To make an online reservation for the Annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, April 27,** go to the "Events" tab on the site, then click on "Current Annual Meeting" and "Registration Form." Your payment will be serviced through secure PayPal. (See page 1 of this Annual Report if you prefer to pay by check.)

**To make a donation to the Foundation and the scholarship programs,** go to the "Donate" tab. The Foundation will receive your gift with your instructions — and always, with gratitude.

**To make a donation to support Foundation operations,** go to the "Donate" tab and designate "Greatest Need." Thank you!

Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the Internal Revenue Code. A gift acknowledgment will be sent for your records.



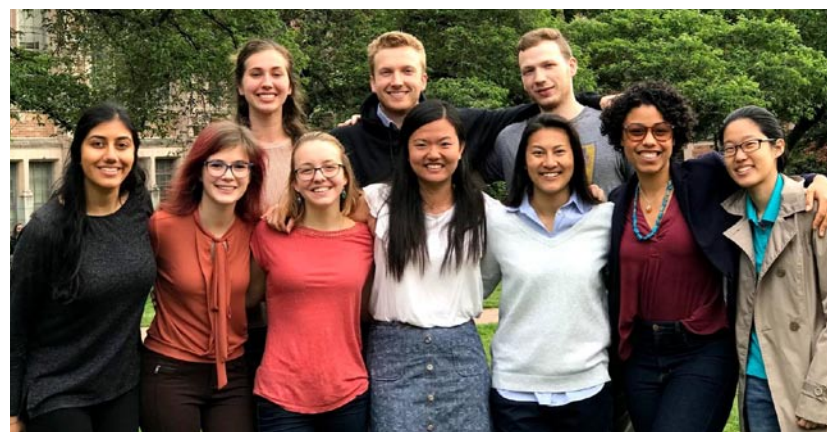
## Tolo Chapter of 2019: unifying passions, uniting to serve

Time flies when you're having fun. That phrase couldn't be any more true when describing the year the Tolo Chapter of 2019 has had. I couldn't be more humbled to have been this year's Tolo President. It seems like just yesterday all of us were nervously gathered at initiation, not quite sure how we'd be able to make an impact like those who came before us did. I'm proud to say we achieved that and more.

This past year, I had the opportunity to grow with 15 other amazing individuals—students who will undoubtedly be the best in their field when they graduate. While all of us have been a part of countless organizations, what sets Mortar Board apart is how different interests make us stronger. The UW is not a small school, and it is difficult to meet people outside your major. Without Tolo, I can say for a fact that I would not have found so many friends with such diverse interests and aspirations. As both a pre-med and a piano performance major, I never really felt like I belonged anywhere until I met this group. We are united by our commitment to serve, and for that, Mortar Board will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

It is so satisfying to look back on the year and realize how much this small group has accomplished in a short amount of time. As new members, we organized a clothing drive for Mary's Place last spring. Despite only having a few days to plan it, you could immediately tell how passionate everyone was about serving others as the entire class volunteered to help make it happen. In November, we partnered with University District Street Medicine and held a weeklong supply drive for Seattle's underserved populations. We also continued traditions like the annual holiday wreath sale which was an enormous success.

While I am giving the annual report now, we have so much more planned. Upcoming events include presenting the Excellence in Teaching Award and working with Food Lifeline to sort and repack nutritious food for the hungry.



Although there isn't much I wouldn't give to continue working with my team for years to come, I'm excited to announce that we have selected 27 new members to take our place next year. We can't wait to get to know them and see the impact they will make on this community. I'm sure that the end of the school year will be bittersweet. However, it's reassuring to know that while all of us will be out in the world pursuing our different passions, we will remain friends and support each other through all our endeavors. To the Class of 2019 and all Mortar Board alums: thank you for inspiring me!

—Nicole Kuo Stankovic



Despite the rain, Tolo members held a weeklong supply drive for University District Street Medicine

## Introducing the 2018/2019 Tolo Foundation Scholars

From an especially accomplished field of candidates, 24 outstanding University of Washington students were selected as the 2018/2019 Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Tolo Scholars.

The Foundation awarded a record total of \$55,000 in scholarships for this academic year. Awards ranged from \$2,000 to \$3,500. (Foundation scholarship names are in parentheses (below). Named scholarships are the result of significant gifts honoring or memorializing esteemed Mortar Board alumni.)

**Rochelle Adriano**, graduate student; Nutrition (Betty Benson Runstad). Rochelle is a Master of Public Health, and a Nutritional Sciences student in the Graduate Coordinated Program in Dietetics. She hopes to become a Registered Dietitian specializing in working with children with special health care needs.

**Agrima Ahluwalia**, graduate student; EEU (Margaret Hadley). Agrima is working toward a career in early childhood special education. She hopes to work towards creating inclusive, accessible and equitable educational settings.

**Carly Baker**, Junior; Geography, Spanish (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant-Peterson). Carly is studying geography and plans to pursue graduate school with a focus on critical health geography. She wants to work on the intimate, local, and global scales to create justice in health and food systems for humans, non-humans, and the environment.

**Chantalle Bell**, Senior, Biochemistry (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant-Peterson). Chantalle is preparing for graduate school through her involvement in a biomedical research project. She aspires for a career in epidemiology to increase health care resources for marginalized populations.

**Beth Bollinger**, Graduate Student; Communications (Heritage). A doctoral candidate, Beth is a health communication scholar planning a career in public health. Beth plans to utilize her research skills and health background to decrease various health disparities in low-income and high risk communities, particularly focusing on decreasing disparities that affect women's health.

**Makayla Bradford**, Graduate Student; Audiology (Willa O'Connor/Ruth and Marshall McDonald). A graduate student clinician in the Doctor of Audiology Program, Makayla is working toward a career in pediatric and humanitarian audiology. She hopes to provide better access to hearing healthcare and create better health equity at the local and international levels.

**Anjuli Brekke**, Graduate Student; Communications (Madeline Jones Campbell). A doctoral candidate in Communication, Anjuli explores in her research the political power of sharing personal narratives, both online and within situated communities, to facilitate listening across difference.

**Brice Burgess**, Graduate Student; Social Work (Tolo). Brice plans a career in racial equity and Corporate Social Responsibility. He hopes to create avenues that allow organizations and people to have deeper dialogues around how to achieve true racial equity and hold themselves accountable for their community impact, as well as empower the general public to work towards transforming oppressive systems and institutions that devalue our true humanity.

**Yiyi Chen**, Graduate Student; Music-Piano Performance (Music Performance/Tolo). A doctoral candidate in Piano Performance, Yiyi strives to play musically, imaginatively, honestly and above all, beautifully. She wants every audience member who hears her performance to be touched and moved through the magical sounds she produces from the piano and the story she tells from the music.

**Priyanka Gautom**, Graduate Student; Public Health (Margaret Shaw Anderson). Priyanka is working towards a career in health systems research. She hopes to improve healthcare communication and delivery for vulnerable populations internationally.

**Kirsten George**, Graduate Student; Prosthetics (Tolo). Kirsten is studying Prosthetics and Orthotics, a field she was drawn to because of her love of being active and working with her hands. As she pursues her clinical residency, she is looking forward to helping patients increase their functionality and reach their rehabilitation goals.

**Jocelyn Gonzales**, Senior; Neurobiology (Woman in Science/Bernthine Anderson/Dorin Schuler-Dorothea Taylor). Jocelyn is pursuing a career in medicine to utilize scientific research and patient care to create an impact in the local and broader community.

**Iliana Gutierrez**, Junior; Built Environment (Margery Phillips). A double major in Community, Environment, and Planning, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Iliana is working toward a career in community planning. She hopes to collaborate with Latinx communities, specifically those located in Los Angeles, where she grew up.

**Laura Harrington**, Graduate Student; Social Work, Public Health (Heritage). Laura is pursuing concurrent Masters degrees in Social Work and Public Health, which she hopes will help her to achieve her future goals of ending gender-based violence and fostering community protective factors to ensure equitable, joyful, violence-free, and fulfilling lives for all.

**Chenglin Hong**, Graduate Student; Social Work, Public Health (Heritage). A MSW/MPH candidate, Chenglin's practice and research focus on people living with HIV. He aspires to challenge injustice in healthcare system and promote social justice for marginalized populations and enhance the quality of life for all.

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**Marissa Jackson**, Graduate Student; Public Health (Tolo Centennial). A Master of Public Health candidate, Marissa is committed to health equity and shining a spotlight on underrepresented voices and communities. She hopes to use storytelling as a tool to address the social and economic conditions driving health disparities.

**Marisa MacLennan**, Graduate Student; EEU (Margaret Hadley). A master's student and student teacher in Early Childhood Special Education, Marisa is working towards a career in elementary special education. She hopes to create a platform upon which students and parents can self-advocate and empower others to support those with differing abilities.

**MacKenzie Rinaldi**, Graduate Student; Medicine (Elizabeth Ayers). An M.D. candidate in Medicine, MacKenzie is working toward a career in pediatric hospital medicine. She hopes to incorporate community outreach and academic medicine while working in Eastern Washington.

**Roshni Sinha**, Junior; International Studies, Anthropology (Dr. Eleanor Hadley). Roshni is working toward a career in human rights. She aspires to work for a humanitarian organization and support individuals through programs that promote peace, reconciliation, and justice.

**Alex Stote**, Graduate Student; Marine and Environmental Affairs (Elizabeth Ayers). Alex is simultaneously completing a graduate certificate in climate science through the Program on Climate Change. She is working towards a career in coastal and marine resource management and aspires to work on developing sustainable policy surrounding climate adaptation and mitigation in the marine and coastal zones after graduating.

**Siena Traverso**, Graduate Student; Education-Teaching (Elizabeth Ayers). Siena is pursuing a career in elementary education. She hopes to develop an educational practice grounded in equity and social emotional learning to help empower the next generation of learners.

**Lucas Victor**, Sophomore; Music-Guitar Performance (Elizabeth Ayers). Lucas is working toward a career as a teaching and performing classical guitarist. He hopes to become a discerning artist-entrepreneur who contributes to the effectivity and potential of the arts.

**Samuel Vinci**, Graduate Student; Nutrition (Elizabeth Ayers). Sam is pursuing a Master's in Public Health Nutrition and Registered Dietitian degree. He is most interested in improving maternal and child health and nutrition in low- and middle-income countries.

**Emily Wong**, Senior; Engineering (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant-Peterson). Emily is pursuing a double degree in Computer Science and Human Centered Design and Engineering. She wants to leverage her passion for humans and technology for positive social impact.



## Legacy of Learning

In caring about the future, one needs to contribute to its success.

Education is transformative, aligning promise with possibility. The need to support students through scholarship funds continues to be great. The cost of tuition, books, and other expenses leaves most students with staggering debt.

We are so deeply grateful to the following Friends of Mortar Board who gave to the Foundation and its important scholarships program in 2018. Thank you!

Margaret (Peg) Achterman	Dianne Miller
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*“ Thanks to your support, I am able to dedicate more time to studying because I no longer have to work full-time or obtain additional student loans. I know I have the courage to follow my dream of making a difference in the world, and I thank you for the financial backing to get me there. ”*

— Tolo Foundation Scholar

## Contacting Mortar Board

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

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Pacific Lutheran University Black & Gold Chapter:

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Seattle Pacific University Ivy Honorary:

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[pugetsound.edu/academics/academic-honors/academic-honor-societies](http://pugetsound.edu/academics/academic-honors/academic-honor-societies)



## In Memoriam

We honor and will miss the following Mortar Board members who have departed.

Elizabeth Biesiot (University of Alaska, 1942)  
Ellen Burton (UW, 1969)  
Shirley Willis Bushnell (UW, 1951)  
Faye St. John Danielsen (UW, 1945)  
Jean Royer Duffy (University of Idaho, 1953)  
Jerrie Wolfe Fliflet (UW, 1943)  
Kathryn Chittendon Haines (UW, 1943)  
Carolyn Sherry Lewan (UW, 1957)  
Patricia Lunneborg (Cornell University, 1954)  
Laurel Boatman Macartney (UW, 1969)  
Jackie Carpenter Minor, (UW, 1951)  
Kathy Darwin Neidlinger (UW, 1969)  
Betty Holm Odle (UW, 1950)  
Nancy Luft Rising (UW, 1968)  
Georgia Rohrbaugh (UW, 1960)  
Carol McVicar Nichols Scott (UW, 1943)  
Irene Ebken Smith (UW, 1969)  
Solveig Ivarsson Thomson, (UW, 1950)  
Ruth Ellen Wagner (UW, 1969)

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