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2015 Annual Meeting

Mortar Board Brunch: exciting!

This event comes only once in 100 years! You are warmly invited to an especially festive Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Brunch when the centennial anniversary of the founding of our alumni organization will be celebrated!

Saturday, April 23, 2016
University of Washington Club
9:15 a.m. Social Hour
10-11:30 a.m. Brunch, Program

Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Fairhurst will be keynote speaker at this special event. Justice Fairhurst is a highly respected jurist, leader in the legal profession, and citizen. (Her impressive background is on page 3.)

Many reasons to celebrate also include salutes to the Golden Class of 1966, the graduating Tolo Class of 2016, and our 2015/2016 Tolo Foundation Scholars.

All reservations must be received by Saturday, April 16. For your convenience, you may now choose one of two options to make your combined reservation and payment:

* You can send a check with your paper reservation form to 11556 23rd Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125, OR

* You can register and pay online through the Foundation website's new service, which includes secure PayPal. Using this option, you pay with a credit or debit card (see page 3).

Cost is \$35 per person, or \$50 per person as an "Angel," helping to underwrite the event. Collegiates' cost is \$16 per person.

Questions? Call Margot Smith at 425.747.6197, or email mortarboardalumi.tolo@gmail.com



A few words from the Board...

Are you a history buff? If you are a Mortar Board alum, you have special reason to think of history this year, especially if you have lived in the Seattle area. This year is the centennial of our alumni roots, and fittingly in the Evergreen State, a tree is the metaphor for these beginnings.

The alumni start was rather small. Three Washington graduates, thinking fondly of their Tolo Club experiences, decided in 1916 to form the “Tolo Twig,” a branch of Tolo Club (predecessor of UW’s Tolo Chapter). Interest in keeping in touch expanded, and the twig grew, eventually to become, now, the largest regional Mortar Board alumni group in the country. We are, proudly, an “expanded family,” welcoming both Mortar Board graduates of the UW and Mortar Board graduates of other colleges and universities.

Our financial support of outstanding students is a strong part of our history — and our scholarships are more important than ever. Many students struggle with high tuition and staggering college debt. Our investment in students brings great hope and potential for a big future.

New and important purposes undoubtedly will emerge also in years ahead. Be an active part of that future. Do you enjoy getting people together? Would you like to help inspire others? Are you tech-savvy? You could be essential in shaping that future... please be in touch! The next decades need to hear your voice, and we’d like to connect with you now... by email, U.S. mail, website, Facebook, phone, donation, or in-person!

Financial Fitness Report

Our fiscal year is June 1 – May 31. For 2014-2015, the Foundation had its third growth year, due to another strong investment market. Our total worth appreciated \$53,346 to \$935,094 over the prior fiscal year. It was a strong position for confronting the current year’s erratic market.

To elaborate, Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation had \$77,658 of investment portfolio appreciation, \$23,555 of dividend income, and \$5,921 in alumni donations. The Foundation awarded \$42,000 in University of Washington scholarships and had \$7,089 in other expenses. Our non-scholarship expenses represented 0.8% of beginning balance.

Several Board initiatives tie to future success of our scholarship-granting Foundation. To reduce expenses, the Board seeks email addresses from its membership to minimize printing and mailing costs, the largest expense after CPA fees and taxes. The expanded, improved website aims for even better communication and alumni involvement. As always, a next generation of leadership is important to further modernize and build the organization, particularly with the tech-savvy younger alumni demographic in mind. See the website for opportunities.

— Barbara Schlag Peterson, Treasurer

The Golden Class of 1966

During their collegiate senior year, the world of the Golden Class of 1966 was in marked transition. From an international perspective, the Cold War and the Space Race were ongoing. The Vietnam War, growing ominously, saw substantial increases in troops and the start of bombing in North Vietnam. Large anti-war demonstrations occurred frequently. Demonstrations and tensions occurred on many campuses as well.

Life was not all somber, however. The Golden Class enjoyed the Beatles’ rising prominence and Simon and Garfunkel’s “Sounds of Silence,” which topped the popular charts. If their rigorous studies were done for the day, Mortar Board members and friends might have watched the new television series, Star Trek.

Through the intervening years, the Class of 1966 graduates have been distinguished by their leadership and many significant contributions to the changing world around them. They will be honored at the Annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, April 23. (Should you know of anyone inadvertently omitted from the following list, please let us know! Thank you.)

Barbara Fortmeier Bennett, University of Minnesota

Iris T. Brown, UW

Jan Corrison, University of Denver

Cathy Andres Ebbert, WSU

Cheryl Ries Falk, UW

Jill Warren Hacker, San Diego State University

Marcia Jacobson Holland, UW

Kathleen O’Connor Kaemke, UW

Sue Levine Kyte, UW

Kathryn Strether Ratcliff, UW

Dr. Christine J. Robertson, UW

Janice Moodie Smith, WSU



Celebrated at the 2015 Annual Meeting were members of Mortar Board’s Golden Class of 2015. (Left to right) Mary Mike Green Mikkelsen, Nancy Dyar, Nancy Hull Edquist, Gini Couden Stimpson, Jane Clark White-Vulliet, and Ann Herm Foley.

Keynote Speaker: WA State Supreme Court Justice Mary Fairhurst

Mary Fairhurst lives a life epitomizing scholarship, leadership, and service at the very highest levels. On Saturday, April 23, she will be the keynote speaker at the Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Brunch.

Mary Fairhurst began serving as a justice on the Washington State Supreme Court in 2003, and started her legal career in the Supreme Court as a judicial clerk, working sequentially with two justices. For the intervening 16 years, Justice Fairhurst served in the Washington Attorney General's Office and specialized in the areas of criminal justice, transportation, revenue, and labor. When she left, she was serving as the Division Chief of the Revenue, Bankruptcy and Collections Division.

Justice Fairhurst also did work not related to her cases that made a difference to Washington citizens. She worked on the constitutional amendment to increase the rights of crime victims while still honoring the constitutional rights of the accused. She organized the first statewide conferences on domestic violence. She planned and facilitated a youth violence summit and organized and moderated conferences dealing with sex offenders in the community.

She is a leader in the legal profession, serving as President of the Washington State Bar Association. (She was the second woman, first public sector, and youngest attorney to hold this position.) She also served on the Bar Board of Governors and as President of Washington Women Lawyers.



Throughout her career, Justice Fairhurst has worked to enhance the opportunities for women and minorities in the profession and to ensure access to justice for low-income individuals and families. She has served on the Supreme Court's Gender and Justice Commission and Access to Justice Board committees. In addition, she actively serves on youth and civic boards.

She has received many awards, including the Washington Women Lawyers President's Award and Betty B. Fletcher Judge of the Year Award, and the Washington State Bar Association's Award of Merit. In 1998, Washington Women Lawyers gave her its Passing the Torch award and in 1999, LEGALS, P.S. gave her its Allies for Justice award.

Justice Fairhurst earned her law degree magna cum laude from Gonzaga University School of Law. She earned her undergraduate degree in political science cum laude from Gonzaga University. She also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Gonzaga University in 2006. She served as president of the Gonzaga Law School Board of Advisors and the Gonzaga Law School Alumni Association. She also was a member of the Gonzaga University Board of Regents.

www.mortarboardtolo.org New website features!

Mortar Board alumni have requested that the Foundation offer the opportunity to make reservations, payments, and donations online. The website now provides that opportunity, thanks to Foundation Treasurer Barbara Schlag Peterson and Director Jennifer Brennan. The online procedures are straightforward.

To make an online reservation for the Annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, April 23, go to the "Events" tab on the site, then click on "Annual Meeting." 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.

Originally designed by Foundation Board Directors Ashley Kelmore and Jennifer Brennan, the website is a reference resource, as well as a source for up-to-the-minute alumni news. There even is a countdown to the next alumni event (the 2016 Annual Meeting on April 23).

In coming months, additional features will be added (such as photos through the years, alumni spotlight, collegiate chapter news). We welcome your ideas, feedback, and questions! Please bookmark the site... and check back often!



It's that important!

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! 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.

Introducing the 2015/2016 Tolo Foundation Scholars

From a highly competitive and accomplished field of candidates, outstanding University of Washington students were selected as the 2015/2016 Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Scholars.

The Foundation awarded a total of \$36,500 in scholarships for this academic year. Scholarships ranged from \$1,500 to \$3,000. (Foundation scholarship names are in parentheses. Named scholarships are the result of significant gifts honoring or memorializing esteemed Mortar Board alumni.)

Matthew Adelza, graduate student; Communications (Madeline Jones Campbell). A doctoral student in Political Communication and New Media, Matthew plans a career in published scholarship and technology entrepreneurship. He intends to conduct research that will further understanding of democracy/technology interaction, while devoting significant time to mentoring young people.

Doug Brandon, graduate student; Architecture (Margery Phillips). A Master of Architecture candidate, Doug plans to use design both as a frame of self-discovery and as a tool with lasting impact. His current research interests include self-reference, memory, and representation.

Melissa Faria, graduate student; Early Childhood Education (Margaret Hadley). A Master's student in the Early Childhood Special Education program, Melissa is passionate about serving children and families and hopes to create a more inclusive world by teaching children to be more compassionate and empathetic.

Gustavo Fujiwara, graduate student; Aeronautics and Astrophysics (Elizabeth Ayers). A doctoral candidate, Gustavo hopes to impact the aerospace industry by developing cleaner and more fuel-efficient aircraft that will allow air transportation to be more sustainable for the environment, safer and affordable for the general public.

Dana Kaban, junior; Computer Science (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson). Dana hopes to pursue a career in research. She would like to work on developing programmable artificial organs for transplantation, in order to provide a better lifestyle for people with disabilities.

Sophie Kauffman, graduate student; Nutrition (Betty Benson Runstad). As a Masters of Science candidate in Nutrition with concurrent certification in Dietetics, Sophie is working toward a career as a clinical registered dietitian. Long passionate about the intersections of food, agriculture, and public health, Sophie hopes to help the public make more sustainable and healthier connections to their food system, while providing thoughtful, and patient-centered counseling.

Julia Logsdon, graduate student; Early Childhood Education (Margaret Hadley). A Master's student, Julia is working towards a career in teaching and applied behavior analysis. She would like to serve in a diverse classroom within the public school system, with the ultimate goal of providing meaningful and equitable education for all children.

Dakota Miller, graduate student; Music (Music Performance). A Vocal Performance doctoral student, Dakota aspires to a career as an opera singer and music educator. She is committed to bringing classical music and opera to the community.

Lauren Moses, senior; International Studies (Margaret Graham/Priscilla Trzcinski). Lauren plans a career in academia and international development. She hopes to challenge and affect harmful conceptions of developing nations that infantilize and stereotype their capable, diverse peoples.

Hilary Polis, graduate student; Marine and Environmental Affairs (Tolo). Hilary is studying public perceptions of tidal energy development in Washington State. She plans a career in renewable energy policy and wants to continue working to understand how renewable energy can be developed in a way that is socially acceptable and economically sustainable.

Hyun Su Seo, senior; Music (Willa O'Connor). Hyun Su is pursuing her Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance. By receiving a strong education, Hyun Su plans to teach people of all ages to nurture their musical talent, while also sharing with the world her own love for classical music.

Kaeli Swift, graduate student; Forestry and Environmental Sciences (Margaret Shaw Anderson, Bernthine Leiren Anderson/Schuler, Ruth and Marshall McDonald, Dorothea Taylor). A doctoral student, Kaeli studies American crow cognition and ethnology. By regularly engaging the community in her work through citizen science participation and public talks, she hopes to foster a deeper appreciation for science and the natural world. Her career will marry her passions for research and outreach.

Ariel Vardy, junior; Comparative History of Ideas (Elizabeth Ayers). Ariel plans a career in the public education of underprivileged communities and experiential outdoor education. He hopes to empower youth to view themselves as lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and worthy students of the academic challenges ahead.

Seyeon (Sarah) Yu, junior; International Studies (Dr. Eleanor Hadley). Sarah is completing three majors for her Bachelor's degree — International Studies, Computer Science, and Economics. After her undergraduate degree, she intends to continue her academics at the graduate level and explore ways to use technology in economic development abroad.



Mortar Board initiation, Tolo Class of 2016

Tolo Chapter: the three pillars... and friendships

Warmhearted greetings from Tolo Chapter Class of 2016! I am honored to share with you an update of our chapter this year, and the wonderful things we plan to achieve before we welcome the new Tolo class.

Mortar Board is an honor society built of purposeful, compassionate and hard-working individuals. When members are together in a room, great ideas start to flourish. In every way we give back, we strive to embody Mortar Board's founding pillars of scholarship, leadership, and service.

Mortar Board recently teamed up with several other honor societies at the University of Washington to establish the Circle of Honors, a collaborative effort to familiarize the general student body with all the honor societies on campus and what they do. Tolo Chapter co-hosted a Circle of Honors Week filled with socially collaborative activities, helping build friendships among the student body.

During the holiday season, we helped raise hundreds of dollars and bags full of food and hygiene items to donate to the U District Youth District. Each chapter member also donated funds to buy turkeys for the kids for their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Our class has started a new tradition of inviting distinguished Mortar Board alumni to share their insights and professional experience at our chapter meetings. So far this year, we have been honored to have Dr. Elizabeth Feetham (Associate Dean Emerita of the UW Graduate School) and Dr. Stephen Sanoja (Tolo 2009) visit and

inspire us. More alumni will be invited to come to chapter meetings this spring.

One of our goals has been to host events throughout the year to develop the amazing opportunities for friendships Mortar Board makes possible. We host monthly Trivia Nights at the Ram as well as get together for each other's birthdays! These are all memorable experiences we're never going to forget.

Currently we are collecting books to donate to the DSHS Children's Administration, as well as planning a Last Lecture where we will not only have last year's Mortar Board "Excellence in Teaching" Award professor speak, we also will make our new UW President, Dr. Ana Mari Cauce, an honorary member of Mortar Board!

Looking ahead to April, we are excited to initiate 43 bright new members of the Tolo Class of 2017.

I sincerely thank our wonderful alumni for all of your support throughout the year, especially during our annual wreath sale! Your continued support is what helps each new class keep Mortar Board and its traditions going strong. Thank you!

I am honored to say that 2016 has definitely been one for the books. Amazing friendships have flourished, and Tolo Chapter has continued to sustain its long history of giving back to the UW campus and local community. Here's to a great year and many more to come!

— *Gergana Ivanova, Tolo Chapter President, 2015/2016*

In Memoriam



We honor the following Mortar Board members who have departed:

Dorothy Parks Reese (UW, 1940)
Dorin Anderson Schuler (UW, 1946)
Jane Criddle Slade (UW, 1943)

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:

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P.O. Box 53162; Bellevue, WA 98015

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mortar-board-alumni-tolo-foundation

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>

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Columbus, OH 43212

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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:

<http://spu.edu/depts/assp/clubs/current.html>

University of Puget Sound Otlah Chapter:

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

2014-2015 Tolo Foundation Scholars at the 2015 Annual Meeting.



// Believe that there's light at the end of the tunnel. Believe that you may be that light for someone else. **//**

— Kobe Yamada

Legacy of Learning

Dramatic increases in tuition during recent years have resulted in many students facing a massive debt after graduation. For many other outstanding students, a college education is financially out of reach. The need to support students through scholarship funds continues to be great.

We are profoundly grateful to the following Friends of Mortar Board who have given to the Foundation and its scholarships program in 2015:

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 of his wife, Margaret
 (Margaret Shaw Anderson
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*Board of Directors members 2014-2016. (Left to right)
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