

Mortar Board Alumni *Annual Report*

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Mortar Board Brunch on April 5th!

It's coming! And what a festive, uplifting gathering it will be!

This year's Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Spring Brunch will be held...

Saturday, April 5, 2014

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

9:00 am Social Mixer

9:30 - 11:30 am. Brunch, Program

Keynote speaker will be Trish Bostrom, honored leader and attorney, and legendary Husky (see page 3). Please join us to hear Trish as she recalls her incredible journey to become one of the best international tennis players, her quest for equality in women's sports, and her life on the Virginia Slims Tennis Circuit. She is a very inspiring and entertaining speaker.

This not-to-miss morning also will salute the Golden Class of 1964 and graduating seniors of the Tolo Class of 2014. Meet Tolo Foundation Scholars, who will be attending the event.

April 5th will be a celebratory time with outstanding company!

Your RSVP (with check) is needed no later than Saturday, March 29 (see enclosed form). Early reservations are advised! Cost is \$30 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.



MORTAR BOARD ALUMNI / TOLO FOUNDATION

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A few words from the Board...

Welcome! Our members represent over 60 Mortar Board colleges and universities across the country. We are family. Your participation is warmly invited.

Perspective. Fifty years may not seem like ancient history to those who have lived them, but to a recently graduated college senior, 50 years may seem an eternity. Perhaps.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, which forbade discrimination on the basis of sex as well as race in hiring, promoting, and firing. Title IX followed in 1972.

History continues, and today, additional groups seek equal protection and rights under law. The topic remains fresh. But it is instructive and inspiring to review pivotal times and to note those persons who have made a difference in bringing beneficial change. Trish Bostrom is such a person. Prior to Title IX, she successfully challenged the UW to be allowed to play on the men's varsity tennis team (the women's tennis program was considered a "social club"). She also challenged the UW to provide equitable sports opportunities for women, and the University agreed to do so. Hear Trish Bostrom speak on April 5.

You. Your participation, your attendance, your thoughts are invited. The invitation is most sincere! Let us hear from you.

Financial Fitness Report

Our fiscal year 2013 ended with a balance of \$769,413, net worth growth of \$107,405 over fiscal year 2012, due to a strong investment market.

On the income side, we received \$4,696 in donations and gained \$173,891 from stock sales, dividends, and appreciation. On the expense side, we awarded \$35,000 in UW scholarships, purchased \$31,916 of stocks, and incurred \$4,266 in operating expenses (net of paid registration fees). The latter represents 0.64% of our beginning balance and 0.55% of our ending balance.

Donation dollars to the Foundation have maximum impact. Your Board is pleased, as a private foundation, to direct so very little (less than 1%) of its assets to operations, thanks to being a volunteer-based organization. Our greatest costs are our accountant (annual IRS filing), federal taxes, and our annual report printing and mailing.

Two ways you can add to our vitality are to send your email address to mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com to support online communication and to offer a season of volunteering. Your gifts to the Foundation are always deeply appreciated!

— *Barbara Schlag Peterson, Treasurer*

New Ideas! Your Thoughts?

Hello from two of the newest members of the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Board: Jennifer ('05) and Ashley ('01). We are excited to be a part of this fantastic organization and hope to bring with us some new additions that might interest you, whether you're a new alum or have been involved for years.

We are currently exploring setting up a LinkedIn group for the Foundation, which also would include postings for events and articles featuring our members. We also hope to explore using an online ticket system starting with the 2015 Annual Meeting (while of course keeping the mail-in RSVP option for those who prefer that).

Additionally, we'd love to hear your thoughts on any programming you'd be interested in our Foundation organizing. Whether it's a meet-up at a bar after work, or perhaps a workshop on setting up an effective LinkedIn profile, we'd like to know how our alumni can serve you!

— *Jennifer Brennan (jennifer.brennan@hotmail.com) and Ashley Kelmore (ashleykelmore@gmail.com)*

Scholarship Committee Openings

The Scholarships Committee is expanding the opportunities for volunteer involvement in the applicant review and scholar selection process.

Please contact Scholarships Chair Kristi Helgeson (at kristi.helgeson@gmail.com) if you would like to learn more about being involved in the rewarding and important task of identifying future Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Scholars.

Doug McManaway Is SC

Doug McManaway (UW '10) is now Mortar Board Section Coordinator for chapters in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. He serves as a National Mortar Board



Doug McManaway

resource on chapter operations for the 10 colleges and universities in his section, and he keeps in touch with the chapters throughout the year.

Doug was Tolo Chapter president during his senior year and led his class to Golden Torch (outstanding chapter) recognition at the Mortar Board National Conference. Doug also was active in the UW Graduate and Professional Student Senate, among his leadership and service contributions to campus. He anticipates law school will be in his near future.

National Mortar Board Honors Tolo Chapter Advisor

Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society announced that Margot Nilsen Smith is the recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Advising Award.

The Mortar Board Excellence in Advising Award is presented annually to an advisor who has provided exceptional support to help a Mortar Board chapter achieve its goals. The recipient has served as a role model to chapter members by demonstrating constant leadership, professionalism and spirit of service. Margot's award was given to her personally by Mortar Board national representative Lexie Beer in a program specially-arranged by the collegiate chapter and held at Parrington Hall Forum on the University of Washington campus. Speakers included past chapter presidents Doug McManaway and Katherine Forsythe. Moderating the program was current chapter president Yasaman Azodi.

Margot has served as advisor to the Tolo Chapter at the University of Washington for more than two decades, and her steady direction at the chapter and national levels has positively impacted the lives of thousands of students. As explained by Katie Forsythe, "Margot is a representation of what it means to be a Mortar Board. Her passion ... is apparent and inspiring. Through her guidance we have been able to realize our potentials and abilities as Mortar Boards. We seek out her opinions in all that we do. This and much more has allowed us to achieve what we have as a chapter."



Margot Smith

Margot's dedication to Mortar Board is far-reaching. She advised her chapter at San Diego State University and was president of the San Diego Mortar Board Alumni. She also served as vice president of the Mortar Board National Council and as a trustee of the Mortar Board National Foundation. She is current president of Seattle's Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation.

A graduate of San Diego State University, she obtained her M.B.A. from the University of Washington.



Match Point! Keynote Speaker Trish Bostrom Is Tennis Legend, Respected Leader

Over the years, hundreds of women have participated in UW sports. One student athlete who made a big difference is Patricia "Trish" Bostrom, who in 1971 lodged a formal lawsuit to play tennis on the UW men's team and to challenge the University of Washington to develop equitable athletic programs for women. After a pre-trial hearing, the UW agreed to let Trish try out for the men's tennis team and agreed to develop equitable sports programs for women.

Trish not only played on the men's varsity tennis team, she established a prodigious record while doing so. She is the only Husky, male or female, to win the Pac-Eight singles championship and a national collegiate title in college mixed doubles.

She went on to an eight-year career as an international tennis professional and was one of the notables on the Virginia Slims Professional Women's Tennis circuit. During that era, Trish was ranked as high as fifth in the world in doubles and 35th in the world in singles. Among her many achievements, she was a semi-finalist at the 1978 French Open in mixed doubles, and a quarter-finalist at both the 1977 and 1978 U.S. Open Doubles. She and Mary Carillo beat Billie Jean King and Karen Susman on Centre Court at Wimbledon in 1977.



Trish Bostrom

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Washington, Trish earned her B.A. in Political Science in 1972. She received her J.D. in 1983 from Southern Methodist University.

She has been inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame, Washington State Sports Hall of Fame, and Pacific Northwest Tennis Hall of Fame. Trish has served as president of the UW Alumni Association and the Big W Club, and received the UWAA highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. She is a long-time board member and former vice president of Seattle Opera, and a member of Seattle Downtown Rotary.

Professionally, Trish practices estate planning, corporate and real estate law in Seattle and is owner of her firm, Bostrom Law Offices. She is a member of the Seattle-King County Bar, Washington Women Lawyers, King County Bar Association, and the Washington State Bar Association.

Trish will be the keynote speaker at the Foundation's Annual Meeting and Spring Brunch on April 5.

Tolo Foundation Scholars Aim High

The following distinguished University of Washington students, chosen from a highly achieving field of candidates, were selected to be 2013/2014 Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Scholars. Five of the 17 Scholars are doctoral students.

The Foundation awarded a total of \$38,500 in scholarships for this academic year. Scholarships range from \$1,250 to \$3,000. (Foundation scholarship names are in parentheses.) Named scholarships are the result of significant gifts honoring or memorializing esteemed Mortar Board alumni.

Yasamin Azodi, senior; Biochemistry (Tolo Centennial): Yasaman plans to apply to medical school next year, and in the meantime, to continue her research in the field of oncology, including work with glioblastoma and hematopoietic stem cells.

Kelley Cade, graduate student; Special Education (Margaret Hadley): Finishing both her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education and requirements to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst this year, Kelley plans to continue her work in public schools by working with students and parents of children with special needs.

Crescent Calimpong, graduate student; School of Environmental and Forest Sciences (Elizabeth Ayers): A Master of Environmental Horticulture candidate, Crescent is working towards a career in restoration. Her interest is community-based restoration.

Pauline Chung, graduate student; Special Education (Margaret Hadley): A Master's candidate in Early Childhood Special Education and Applied Behavior Analysis, Pauline is working towards a career as an inclusion preschool special education teacher.

Jay Conhaim, graduate student; Medicine (Elizabeth Ayers): Jay is an M.D. candidate at the UW School of Medicine. Upon graduation, he will start a pediatrics residency with the intention of becoming a pediatric cardiologist or intensivist.

Sara Diedrich, graduate student; Nutritional Sciences (Betty Benson Runstad): A Master's candidate in public health nutrition, Sara looks forward to a career as a clinical dietitian, counseling patients with acute and chronic diseases. Later, she hopes to focus on policies and programs aimed at improving health at a population level.

Meara Faw, graduate student; Communications (Madeline Jones Campbell): A doctoral candidate in Communication, Meara is working toward a career in academia, research, and public scholarship.

Christine Ito, senior; Early Childhood and Family Studies (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson): In addition to her academic major, Christine is completing minors in Education and Diversity.

Tara Kenny, graduate student; Medicine (Bernthine Anderson/Dorin Schuler; Margaret Shaw Anderson; Dorothea Taylor): Tara is a third-year medical student currently doing her clinical rotations in Spokane. She is interested in women's health, particularly labor and delivery where she hopes to advocate for each woman's ideal birth.

Kai Kohlsdorf, graduate student; Gender, Women and Sexuality (Elizabeth Ayers): Kai is a doctoral candidate working towards trans and gay justice. He is pursuing a career in academia and public scholarship.

Shanna Larson, senior; International Studies and Communications (Margaret Graham/Priscilla Renwick Trzcinski): Shanna is double majoring with a specific interest in Development. She plans to pursue a career in poverty elevation and social awareness.

Tracy Montes, senior; Art History (Tolo): As a major in Art History and minor in Women Studies, Tracy is pursuing a career in museum education and art.

Annah Mwendar, senior; International Studies and American Ethnic Studies (Dr. Eleanor Hadley): Annah is working towards a career in educational policy with governments and NGOs in the realm of international development. She hopes to ultimately make higher education more attainable for children in underdeveloped communities around the world.

Brianne Rowan, graduate student; Medicine (Ruth McDonald; Willa O'Connor): A medical student and M.P.H. candidate, Brianne is working toward a career as a primary care physician serving underserved populations in the U.S. and abroad.

Nicholas Tagab, junior; Applied Music - Piano (Music Performance): Completing his third year in the Piano Performance Program, Nicholas hopes for an eventual academic position.

Alex Vaschillo, senior; Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson): In addition to the coursework of his majors, Alex is actively engaged in several programs that teach math and physics to middle and high school students.

Morgan Wright, senior; Community, Environment and Planning (Margery Phillips): Morgan aspires to pursue a career in ecological education.

Tolo Chapter: New Initiatives, Warm Traditions



Mortar Board initiation, Tolo Class of 2014

It is my absolute pleasure to report on Tolo Chapter! The Mortar Board Class of 2014 has had an active fall and winter, and we eagerly look forward to the rest of the year.

We celebrated our adviser Margot Smith, recipient of National Mortar Board's 2013 Excellence in Advising Award, for all of her dedication to Tolo Chapter. Hosting a ceremony, we recognized her achievements in front of the current class, Tolo alumni, and a national representative.

A main chapter goal this year has been to develop and foster meaningful relationships in the region through volunteer work. Two such projects have been reading to the children in the local YMCA daycare and donating books from our book drive to First Place School, a supportive school for young children from families struggling with the effects of poverty and crisis. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we worked alongside Mortar Board's Ivy Honorary Chapter of Seattle Pacific University to paint and clean the Small Faces Child Development Center, an early education facility offering a wide variety of classes. Our newest volunteer goals are to interact with residents in a local retirement home and volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters in the near future.

Mortar Board Week (February 10-14) was a positive experience for Tolo Chapter. Our membership application deadline also occurred during that week. Selected by the University of Washington's Student Activities Office as the "Registered Student Organization of the Week," Mortar Board's visibility increased tremendously. We are thrilled to be tapping our new members in early March, and look forward to the Class of 2015 initiation ceremony on April 6. Initiation is held near the beginning of spring quarter to provide both classes an opportunity to get to know each other and to have an effective "passing the torch" of Mortar Board traditions from the graduating class to the incoming class.

Planning ahead for the quarter to come, Tolo Chapter is excited to organize its first "Last Lecture" Series, in which esteemed professors are given an opportunity to speak on their years of life experiences. Their presentation is not limited to their academic field and is presented as if it were the last lecture they were ever able to give to their students. This event coincides well with our traditional "Excellence in Teaching Award" during Spring Quarter, a recognition given to a distinguished faculty member who has been nominated by students for his or her inspiring excellence in teaching and impact on students. In addition, we are eager to have University President Michael Young speak to our chapter on the topics of leadership, scholarship, and service at a formal dessert reception in mid-Spring.

It has been quite a year already, but we are as enthusiastic ever to continue representing Mortar Board's ideals of leadership, scholarship, and service, and carry on the 105-year legacy of Tolo Chapter at the University of Washington.

— *Yasaman Azodi, Tolo Chapter President, 2013/2014*



Several of the Tolo Chapter members helping during MLK Day.

Honoring the Golden Class of 1964

This year's Golden Class experienced their collegiate senior year as the nation faced formative issues. The landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 was enacted shortly after their graduation. The 24th Amendment to the Constitution was adopted, and drumbeats of war in Vietnam were growing ominously louder. Beatlemania spread as the Beatles became a global phenomenon.

Since their Mortar Board year, members of the Golden Class of 1964 have accomplished much. Some have contributed on a national and international basis. Others have made differences in their communities, professions, and the individual lives around them.

The following Mortar Board Golden Grads of 1964 will be honored as part of the festivities at the Foundation's Annual Meeting on April 5. If you know of omitted names, please let us know. Thank you.

Evi Cartoni Adkins, WSU
Sandra Latterell Auriol, University of Puget Sound
Dr. Margaret Lewis Bates, UW
Harriet Beal
Kathryn (Kit) Brown, UW
Monty Monsaas Byers
Barbara Cooke, UW
Diana Forman, Whitman College
Ann Sommerseth Frodel, UW
Barbara Giles Haldi, WSU
Sara Richards Hart, University of Oregon
Nan Henriksen, UW
Marcie Boomer Hobbs, UW
Dorothy Olson Hoshaw, UW
Carolyn Gilchrist Jones, University of Alabama
Mardi Krusemark, UW
Carol Ann Johnston Mandel, UW
Vicki Benson Martin, UW
Karen McKellar, WSU
Dr. Carol Scott-Kassner, WSU
Mary Katherine Barron Sutton, Knox College
Marilee McClintock Tatalias, Pennsylvania State University
Bonnie Funk Tinney,
Sandra Gleason Walston, UW
Jan Justice Westwater, Texas Tech University
Suzanne Savitz Whitacre, WSU
Karen Petersen Whitehead, University of Idaho

National Mortar Board Is 96!

Mortar Board celebrated its 96th birthday on February 15, 2014. Ninety-six years ago, women representing the four founding chapters met on a cold morning in Syracuse, New York, to create a national honor society for college senior women. Little did they know that their legacy, nearly a century later, would be a Society more than a quarter-of-a-million members strong.

From the beginning, Mortar Board was more than a means of recognizing academic achievement. The Society brought together women leaders from all parts of campus, honoring them for their dedication to the Ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. While the years have brought both growth and change to Mortar Board, the commitment to our Ideals remains as strong today as it was in 1918.

Contacting Mortar Board

Your email address is very important to our Foundation! It will be kept highly secure and used solely for Mortar Board communications. Your email address enables us to send you notifications earlier, more quickly, more efficiently — and less expensively. Postal rates are very high, and we want to conserve funds for much-needed scholarships.

You can reach the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation and receive a personalized reply through email and postal addresses:

mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com or by mail:

Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation
P.O. Box 53162; Bellevue, WA 98015

Planning is under way to expand the Foundation's website.

<http://www.mortarboardtolo.org>

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

National Mortar Board's website and address:

<http://www.mortarboard.org>
1200 Chambers Rd., Ste. 201; Columbus, OH 43212

UW Tolo Chapter's website:

<http://www.uwtolo.org>

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

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

Legacy of Learning

We are deeply grateful to the following individuals who have given to the Foundation and its scholarships program in 2013. The need to support students through scholarship funds continues to be great. For many outstanding students, a college education is financially out of reach.

Kate Ahrens
 Larry Anderson
 Elizabeth Bagshaw
 Carol Batchelder
 Janice Baumbach
 Marjorie Baylor
 Brittany Bonning
 Jennifer Brennan
 June Botz Bright
 Carol Jeane Brown
 Kathleen Busch
 Carol Coryell
 Sue Flexer
 Judy Henderson
 Nan Henriksen
 Diana Thorp Holland
 Sue Lockett John
 Mary Kenny
 Alberta May Koehler
 Karen Koon
 Dorette Lemon
 Lynn Lindsay

Dorothy Marston
 Robin McCabe
 Dianne Miller
 Pamela Mitchell
 Anne Moldrem
 Margaret Dora Morrison
 Anne Northrup
 Betty Odle
 Shirley Palmer
 Barbara Schlag Peterson
 Barbee Tucker Pigott
 Alice Powell
 Ruth Sceva
 Carol McVicar Scott
 Stan Sidor
 Mary Starkebaum
 Sue Tillotson
 Barbara Tilly
 JoAnn Delany Tripp
 Sharon Van Valin
 Suzanne Whitacre
 Lynnette Woerne

“ *The Mortar Board scholarship has been a tremendous help and an important honor of distinction. My gratitude always!* ”

—Tolo Foundation Scholar



Board of Directors and committee members at the February 2014 Board meeting. Front row (left to right): Amy Haugerud, Barbara Schlag Peterson, Lynn Lindsay, Cleo Raulerson, Suzanne Whitacre, Stephanie Wilder. Back row: Margot Smith, Ashley Kelmore, Jennifer Brennan, Kristi Helgeson.

MORTAR BOARD ALUMNI/TOLO FOUNDATION Board of Directors, 2013-2014

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