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## Mortar Board Alumni Brunch: Yes!

**Spring is in the air...** which suggests that festive morning of stimulating thought, great company, enthused conversation and clear reason to celebrate is coming very soon! It's a special tradition not to miss!

You are invited to the Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Brunch.

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

**University of Washington Club**

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

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

Highly respected leader and educator Dr. Constance Rice will be keynote speaker. (Her impressive background is on page 3.) The Golden Class of 1967, the graduating Tolo Class of 2017, and our 2016/2017 Tolo Foundation Scholars will be among those saluted.

**Make your reservation now! It must be received soon (by Thursday, April 27).**

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

**For your convenience, you may now choose one of two options to make your 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 secure PayPal service. Using this option, you pay with a credit or debit card (see page 3).

Cost is \$40 per person, or \$55 per person as an "Angel," helping to underwrite the event. Cost for Class of 2017 collegiates and 50-year celebrants is \$20 per person.

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

*2016 Annual Meeting and Brunch*



## A few words from the Board...

Mortar Board was one of your significant honors. How would you like to help make it a very special experience for others?

We are at a point in time when your Mortar Board participation could make an even bigger difference. Our invitation is utterly time-sensitive and respectful of your other personal commitments. Please consider it!

For example, would you like to help advise or assist a collegiate Mortar Board chapter? Would you be interested in helping collegiates with a specific project or event or serving as a mentor or liaison in some capacity? There are four collegiate chapters in the region (PLU, SPU, UPS, UW) and all sorts of ways to be supportive to a chapter. Chapters with healthy alumni support have great advantage in creating a meaningful, longer-lasting experience for their members. Look on page 5. Read the appreciation of alumni support, as expressed by Tolo Chapter's president.

Would you be interested in interviewing Foundation scholarship candidates? reviewing scholarship applications at home at your convenience? The Foundation affords many stimulating opportunities to serve. All are time-respectful. Perhaps one of your talents is writing for publication? Would you enjoy re-establishing contact with your Mortar Board class? Or having fun with people of various generations?

Let's explore some possibilities together. We'd love to talk with you! (See page 6 for contact information.)

## Financial Fitness Report

Our most recent fiscal year, June 2015 - May 2016, ended with a Foundation total worth of \$892,849. The stock market over that time was down 2.5% with dips as low as -13%. The Foundation felt that effect with its investment portfolio down 3.7% over the fiscal year. A strong dividend payout of \$21,466 mitigated the downturn until the market recovered.

The Foundation's Income and Expense record reflected faithful alumni and supporters plus continued dedication to our scholarship cause. The Foundation received donations totaling \$6,493, awarded \$36,500 in University of Washington scholarships, and had \$4,595 in other expenses. The latter costs were primarily for CPA services, taxes, annual report printing and postage, annual meeting unreimbursed expenses, and an investment in flash drives to present to Mortar Board collegiates transitioning to alumni status. These expenses represented under a half-percent of our beginning net worth.

To further reduce expenses, the Board of Directors continues to seek member emails to minimize printing and mailing costs. Likewise the Board hopes its website ([www.mortarboardtolo.org](http://www.mortarboardtolo.org)) will lead to improved communication and be an encouragement for alumni involvement.

— Barbara Schlag Peterson, Treasurer

## The Golden Class of 1967

Looking back, the Golden Class of 1967's collegiate senior year was a time of highs and lows. The lows are well-known... the ominous backdrop of war in Vietnam was growing markedly. Large marches and protest demonstrations against the war were held in cities and on campuses throughout the country. More and more troops were sent to Vietnam as American involvement increased. A young Navy pilot, John McCain, was among those downed over North Vietnam.

It was a time of innovation, too. The Space Race continued, and on home-planet Earth, Boeing's 737 first took flight. At Lakeside School, young Bill Gates met schoolmate Paul Allen. They were fascinated by a mutual interest.

Certainly the Mortar Board Class of 1967 had lighter moments. Did members enjoy television's new Carol Burnett Show? Did some see the musical *Hair*? Would any confess to finding the brand-new Big Mac a taste treat? Did quite a few join Aretha Franklin in belting out "Respect"?

Since graduation, members of the Mortar Board Class of 1967 have established an inspiring record of leadership and service. We will celebrate them at the Annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, May 6.

Diane Bauerwald, UW  
Judy Winn Bushnell, UW  
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Judith Runstad, University of Idaho  
Eileen Suyama, UW  
Lyn Tangen, UW  
Dr. Sara A. Wilkinson, UW  
Michelle Yapp, UW



*1966 Golden Grad Marcia Jacobson Holland (UW) addresses the 2016 Annual Meeting.*

# Keynote Speaker: Dr. Constance Rice, renowned leader

Constance Rice, a truly remarkable leader in education and community service and a current UW Board Regent, will be the Foundation's 2017 keynote speaker at the Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Brunch on May 6!

Dr. Rice has been a highly respected and innovative executive-level leader for more than 30 years. She has worked across non-profit and for-profit systems and has engaged in over three decades of distinguished local and global voluntarism. Her executive management experience in higher education and local and national foundations, and her proven ability to leverage resources and collaborate with community leaders, have resulted in a stronger community for all.

Constance currently serves as a Regent for the University of Washington. She will address some of the key issues facing a 21st century global university. Through her background in education and community service and her lifetime of caring about making the world a better place, she has a unique platform to address many of the challenging issues of today.

Constance earned her B.A. in anthropology and sociology at Queens College, New York, and her M.P.A. and Ph.D. in public administration at the University of Washington. Additional senior executive leadership credentials were earned at Harvard University and Carnegie-Mellon University. Seattle University bestowed an Honorary Doctorate.

Her record of professional achievement is astounding. Currently, she is Senior Executive Fellow with Casey Family Programs, a direct operating foundation with \$2.2 billion in assets. Previously, she served as Casey's Managing Director of Knowledge Management overseeing informational analysis, cross systems, child welfare practice, and federal government Fellows placement in the U.S. Departments of Education, Justice, Health and Human Services.

Constance was President and Founder of the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation USA, organized to establish leadership programs throughout the United States. She was President and Founder of Strategic Education Centers, a non-profit established to support educational uplift of girls and boys in

Africa and the United States. She was invited by King Mswati to oversee the first anti-AIDS program for girls in Swaziland and subsequently, she oversaw the development of a global scholar program for inner city youth.

Constance has a distinguished record in this region's higher education. In addition to serving as a UW Regent, she has been Senior Vice Chancellor of the Seattle Community College District, Interim President of North Seattle



Community College, and Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement for the college district.

She is Founding President of CWR, Inc., which specializes in organizational development and public relations.

Constance has served actively on over 20 major state and regional non-profit boards and four for-profit boards.

Her life and career, so exemplifying leadership and service, has been honored repeatedly for excellence. Honors include Municipal League's Warren G. Magnuson Award, UW Evans School of Government and Policy's Alumna of the Year, UW Department of Education's Alumna of the Year, Puget Sound Business Journal's 25 Most Influential Women, Seattle/King County Association of Realtors' First Citizen of the Year Award, Women's Funding Alliance's Dorothy Bullitt Humanitarian Award, and many more.

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

Online news and convenience!

As a result of Mortar Board alumni requests for the Foundation to provide online amenities to make reservations, payments, and donations, the Foundation's website now provides that service. Online procedures are straightforward.

**To make an online reservation for the Annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, May 6,** 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.

## 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! 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 2016/2017 Tolo Foundation Scholars

From a highly competitive and accomplished field of candidates, outstanding University of Washington students were selected as the 2016/2017 Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Scholars.

The Foundation awarded a total of \$41,000 in scholarships for this academic year. Awards ranged from \$1,500 to \$3,500. (Foundation scholarship names are in parentheses. Named scholarships are the result of significant gifts honoring or memorializing esteemed Mortar Board alumni.)

**Matthew Bellinger**, doctoral student; Communications (Madeline Jones Campbell, Elizabeth Ayers). Matt studies the social impact of new technologies, with special focus on digital currencies such as Bitcoin. Matt plans to continue his career in academia as a teacher and researcher.

**Jackson Blalock**, graduate student; Landscape Architecture (Elizabeth Ayers). A Master's candidate, Jackson explores the intersection of sustainable lowland development, marginalized populations, and informal public spaces. He hopes to enable grassroots development that restores ecological function while incubating multicultural self-expression and autonomy.

**Sabrina Bounds**, senior; Music Performance - Flute (Heritage). Sabrina is working toward a career in live performance and academia. She strives to empower the community through traditions of the classical arts.

**Loritta Chan**, graduate student; International Studies-South Asian Studies (Elizabeth Ayers). Loritta's Master's research broadly focuses on issues of social exclusion and feminist care ethics. She hopes to continue with a Ph.D. towards a career in policy and research with one simple goal — to make the invisible, vulnerable and the marginalized visible.

**Adam Clements**, graduate student; Architecture (Margery Phillips). After completing a Master of Architecture degree, Adam hopes to build a career in both public and residential architecture that ethically engages culture and place through the beauty of design.

**Laura Fairchild**, graduate student; Early Childhood Education (Margaret Hadley). Laura is working toward a career as an inclusive special education teacher and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She wants to create classrooms and communities that allow every child equal access to the support they need to thrive.

**Viviana Garza**, graduate student; Evans School of Public Policy (Tolo). Viviana studies management, policy writing and analysis, and statistical analysis and demographics to empower and promote historically marginalized communities.

**Anna Joyce**, graduate student; Early Childhood Education (Margaret Hadley). A Master's candidate and an assistant teacher at the Experimental Education Unit, Anna is working toward a career in early intervention. She hopes to promote inclusion in our community by supporting young children with disabilities and their families in achieving their goals.

**Kristy Kwon**, sophomore; International Studies and Economics (Dr. Eleanor Hadley). Kristy is working towards a career in diplomacy. She aspires to cooperate with various nations to resolve pressing foreign political-economic issues.

**Erin McLaughlin**, graduate student; Early Childhood Education (Margaret Hadley). As a teacher candidate, Erin is working towards building inclusive communities where all children and their families have a sense of membership.

**Henry Milander**, junior; Business –Finance, and International Studies-Econ Policy (Willa O'Connor, Elizabeth Ayers, Margaret Shaw Anderson). Henry is focused on a career in micro-finance and economic development in refugee-burdened parts of the Middle East. He hopes to research business participation as a way of creating economic opportunities for refugees and overall regional economic growth.

**Marisa Nixon**, graduate student; Marine & Environmental Affairs (Tolo, Ruth and Marshall McDonald).

**Amanda Spoden**, graduate student; Nutrition/Public Health (Betty Benson Runstad). After completing her Master's, Amanda anticipates a career in public health nutrition. She hopes to educate the public about the interplay between nutrition and women's health. She also wants to work with low-income families and children to help develop skills and habits that encourage healthful living.

**Laure Struber**, doctoral student; Music Performance - Piano (Music Performance). Laure is working towards a career in classical piano and teaching in academia. She hopes to serve as a music-activist and interpreter in her community through teaching and performing.

**Tressa Thomas**, senior; Interdisciplinary and Honors English Program (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson). Tressa has focused on researching feminism and issues related to sexual assault in South Africa and the United States. She hopes to continue creating programs and community organizations that support survivors of sexual abuse in her community.

**Anna Urban**, graduate student; Architecture (Margery Phillips). Anna hopes to practice architecture (and perhaps education) with a focus on using sustainable design techniques, while maintaining a holistic perspective on how buildings and construction impact our social environment.



*Mortar Board initiation, Tolo Class of 2017*

## Tolo Chapter: emphasizing diversity, equality, social justice

Our Tolo Class of 2017 has aimed for a year of change and impact, follow-through and connection with more than just ourselves, rather with our community as a whole. We have set multiple goals — to increase visibility, to adhere to member interests, to improve leadership skills, to serve those in need, and most importantly, to stand as a society that supports marginalized communities and the human and civil rights of all people. We are delving into issues of diversity within our membership and within our community. We've reached out to a variety of clubs to share what Mortar Board is and to instill that we are looking for members to apply who can contribute to the diversity of Mortar Board.

Our desire to stand for equality and social justice quite clearly stems from our “founding mothers” of Tolo Chapter who created this society for women on campus. We are tuning in to their ambitions and furthering their goals to represent what Mortar Board stands for, specifically what our Tolo Chapter was created for and will continue to stand for.

We are doing this in many ways. For example, one of our service events was the compilation of over 100 “necessity bags” for homeless women in Seattle. We filled the bags with women’s sanitary products, toothbrushes, toothpastes, granola bars and other things. We included in these bags a note indicating that while we understand these bags are only small gestures, we hope they will help at least for a little bit. In addition, we also included flyers for Tent City 3 on the UW campus this year and helped Tent City 3 on site.

We also volunteered with the Ronald McDonald House, serving families who have members suffering from cancer. We will partner with SEVA UW (a service-oriented organization on campus) to increase the magnitude of our service events and to bridge the connection gap on campus between organizations with similar values. In addition, we plan a Spring “Reading is Leading” event.

Tolo Chapter hosted a “Muffins with Members” brunch during Mortar Board Week for all students wanting to learn more about Tolo Chapter and becoming a member. A great group of interested individuals asked important questions about Mortar Board, questions that we happily answered.

Tolo Chapter was featured in a recent, prominent *Daily* article which described Mortar Board’s history, honor and traditions on campus and characterized Mortar Board as looking for students who were smart, worthy, and committed to become members.

Chapter plans this spring include membership selection, orientation, and initiation. We anticipate an alumni panel event that will help our members learn about the different paths that alumni have taken after graduation. We will host a reception with UW President Ana Mari Cauce.

We sincerely thank all alumni who have supported us in our Wreath sale. Without the support of alumni, we would not have been as successful in fundraising for Mortar Board. We thank you for all the continued support we receive!

It is inspiring to be a part of such a strongly connected community. As we near the time of passing the torch to the next Tolo class, we are committed to holding high the pillars of Mortar Board in everything we do.

— Emina Dacic, Tolo Chapter President, 2016/2017

*Congratulations to Emina Dacic, selected for the University’s Husky 100. This award recognizes 100 UW undergraduate and graduate students in all areas of study on the Bothell, Seattle and Tacoma campuses who are making the most of their time at the UW. The Husky 100 actively connect what happens inside and outside the classroom and apply what they learn to make a difference on campus, in their communities, and for the future. Through their passion, leadership, and commitment, these students serve to inspire all.*

## In Memoriam



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

Louise Olney Baker (Denison University, 1956)  
Barbara Afflerbach Hink (UW, 1948)  
Beverlei Nuzum Hoerlein (Whitman College, 1951)  
Dorette Rothschild Lemon (UW, 1940)  
Laurel Boatman Macartney (UW, 1969)  
Dorothy Parks Reese (UW, 1940)  
Pamela Campbell Vokolek (UW, 1962)  
Muriel Oliver Winterscheid (Willamette University, 1948)

## Muriel Winterscheid: A Tribute

To know Muriel Winterscheid was to know a person with goodness and kindness at her very core. Muriel was smart, strong, generous and principled, a woman of many talents and interests, but enduring in her commitments. She always sought to contribute to the greater good.

Before Seattle's Mortar Board Alumni reorganized into a Foundation, Muriel served as Scholarship Chair of the association. She was instrumental in creating endowed scholarships that recognized those who strove for a higher education while contributing to their communities. Muriel served several very accomplished terms as President of the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation.

She also led Mortar Board Alumni's successful, major statewide campaign to recognize Homer Hadley, the engineer who conceived and designed the first Mercer Island I-90 floating bridge. The bridge was considered a technological wonder, but recognition for Hadley's vital contribution to statewide progress was ignored. As a result of the Mortar Board Alumni campaign, the State of Washington redressed the error and named the second I-90 floating bridge in honor of Homer Hadley in 1993. Muriel's strong, yet gracious leadership was evident throughout. The enacting legislation and approvals were passed unanimously through both houses of the legislature, the state transportation commission, and the governor.

## Contacting Mortar Board

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

Email: [mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com](mailto:mortarboardalumni.tolo@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.mortarboardtolo.org](http://www.mortarboardtolo.org)  
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P.O. Box 53162; Bellevue, WA 98015  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mortar-board-alumni-tolo-foundation](https://www.facebook.com/mortar-board-alumni-tolo-foundation)  
Phone: 425.747.6197 (Margot Nilsen Smith)  
206.364.8767 (Barbara Schlag Peterson)

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](http://www.uwmortarboard.org)

Pacific Lutheran University Black & Gold Chapter:  
[plu.edu/student-involvement/student-leadership-recognition/mortar-board](http://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](http://pugetsound.edu/academics/academic-honors/academic-honor-societies)



*Muriel Winterscheid*

*“We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give.”*

— Winston Churchill

## Legacy of Learning

Over and over again, our outstanding Tolo Scholars have expressed how their scholarships have provided vital support at a pivotal time. Our financial support of outstanding students is a strong part of our history — and our scholarships are more important than ever. Our investment in students brings great hope and potential for a big future.

We are deeply grateful to the following Friends of Mortar Board who gave to the Foundation and its scholarships program in 2016.

Margaret (Peg) Achterman  
Kate Ahrens  
Liz Bagshaw  
Carol Batchelder  
Janice Baumbach  
Jennifer Brennan  
June Botz Bright  
Carol Jeane Brown  
Joyce Kent Brown  
Christine Burkhart  
Carol Coryell  
Nelly Cunningham  
Idalice (Dee) Dickinson  
Nancy Edquist  
Sue Flexer  
Sylvia Haven  
Judy Hill Henderson  
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of his wife, Barbara  
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*Board of Directors members 2016-2017. (Left to right) Barbara Schlag Peterson, Margot Nilsen Smith, Jennifer Brennan, Hillary Holman, Suzanne Whitacre, Stephanie Wilder (2015 Director). Not pictured: Kristi Grinnell*



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