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Mortar Board Alumni Brunch: Celebrate!

What a festive morning awaits you! You are invited to celebrate National Mortar Board's centennial, savor the wisdom and wit of our deeply respected keynote speaker, meet and enjoy remarkable people, and have a stimulating time!

Come to the Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Spring Brunch:

Saturday, April 21, 2018
University of Washington Club
9:00 a.m. Social Mixer
9:30-11:30 a.m. Brunch, Program

With great pleasure, we announce that Mortar Board alumna, Dr. Robin McCabe — internationally acclaimed concert pianist, highly sought UW professor, enormously respected arts ambassador — will be keynote speaker. (Her impressive background is on page 3.) The Golden Class of 1968, the graduating Tolo Class of 2018, and our 2017/2018 Tolo Foundation Scholars will be among those saluted.

Come to the festivities, and make your reservation now! Your reservation must be received very soon (by Saturday, April 14).

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 2 for online information).

Cost is \$40 per person, or \$55 per person as an "Angel," helping to underwrite the event. Cost for Class of 2018 collegiates and 50-year celebrants is \$20 per person.

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



A few words from the Board...

Just between us (for now), we have some thoughts to share with you... and just possibly, several “assignments” for you to consider!

Your continuing support of your Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation and its longstanding scholarships program touches many lives, all for the good. Financial support for deserving students has a long heritage with us. Take a moment to read some heartfelt comments from current Tolo Scholars (page 9).

We hope the Foundation’s mission and what you read in these pages — and experience at events — sparks interest in being part of the next generation of Foundation leadership. Leadership roles are time-respectful and can be tailored to individual schedules. If you’d like to consider potential opportunities, we’d love to talk with you. (See page 10 for contact information.)

Are you on Facebook? Please “like” our page: www.facebook.com/MortarBoardAlumniTolo/. Do we have your current email address?

Finally, a particular request to you this year: National Mortar Board’s Centennial Campaign (CenCam) is devoted to building an endowment that will ensure the longevity of our national Society. Please support this vital campaign. Your gift would be enormously appreciated.

- There are interesting options to support.
- You could give to a chapter endowment fund. (see page 5).
 - You could give to support Mortar Board Ideals by designating Scholarship Initiatives, which ensure development of “best practices” programming to encourage student commitment to true scholastic excellence, honor student and faculty dedication to scholarship, and provide meaningful capstone experiences.
 - You could support Mortar Board Ideals by designating Leadership Initiatives. These build inspirational collegiate chapter recognition programs, provide first-class leadership education to collegiate chapter leaders, support alumni volunteers as they visit and strengthen chapters, offer advisor training and recognition.
 - You could support Mortar Board Ideals by designating Service Initiatives, helping chapters develop high-impact programs.
 - You could give to the Mortar Board Fellowships program. This program, for example, has supported our region’s Mortar Board students as they pursue graduate study at other universities in the country.
 - You could give to Mortar Board’s greatest need, a fund that provides important flexibility to the Society.

Gifts of all size are welcome. The 1918 Society recognizes gifts of \$500. That amount can be divided in annual installments over several years, with a pledge made to start.

More information is available through the Mortar Board National Office (see contact information, page 10).

Financial Fitness Report

Our most recent, complete fiscal year, ending May 31, 2017, saw the Foundation’s total worth rise to \$984,519. This represents a 10% year-over-year increase, the result of a robust investment market, strong dividends, and generous donations of nearly \$9,400.

On the expense side for 2016/2017, the Foundation awarded \$41,000 in scholarships to 16 University of Washington students. Other expenses totaled \$3,210, primarily for CPA services, taxes, annual investment account fee, Annual Meeting unreimbursed expenses, and annual report printing and mailing. The Board continues to seek member email addresses to minimize its printing and mailing cost. Email your contact information to mortarboard.tolo@gmail.com.

Your Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation is pleased to be recognized now as eligible for the Boeing Match program, which is open to employees and retirees. Donations by these individuals are already boosting our income over and above the value of the original gift. Consider investigating whether your employer has a match program for which we might qualify.

Finally, at www.mortarboardtolo.org, a new opportunity exists through PayPal. Whether using a PayPal account or simply a credit card, you may now contribute electronically to Tolo scholarships or Tolo Foundation’s greatest need. Similarly, online registration for our Annual Meeting is facilitated by PayPal and JotForm. As a non-profit, we receive special, reduced service charges from both entities. Forget checks... and check it out!

— Barbara Schlag Peterson, Treasurer

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, April 21, 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.) **All reservations must be received by Saturday, April 14.**

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.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robin McCabe

Robin McCabe, considered one of America’s most communicative and persuasive artists, will be the Foundation’s 2018 keynote speaker at the Mortar Board Alumni Annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, April 21! She will share her thoughts on *The Right Notes*: the meaning of an authentic life.

Dr. McCabe’s performances have delighted audiences across the United States, Canada, Europe, and in seven concert tours of the Far East. The U.S. Department of State sponsored her two South American tours, which were triumphs artistically and diplomatically. Her recordings have received universal acclaim.

Robin earned her bachelor of music degree summa cum laude at the University of Washington, where she was a member of Mortar Board. She earned her master’s and doctorate degrees at The Juilliard School of Music, and subsequently joined the Juilliard faculty in 1978. She returned to the UW in 1987 to accept a position on the piano faculty. In 1994, she was appointed Director of the School of Music, a position she held until 2009.

A dedicated arts ambassador and dynamic advocate for arts audience development, Robin frequently addresses arts organizations and civic groups across the country. With colleague Craig Sheppard, she has launched the highly successful Seattle Piano Institute, an intense summer “immersion experience” for gifted and aspiring classical pianists that enjoyed its eighth session in 2017.

The winner of numerous prizes and awards, including the International Concert Artists Guild Competition and a Rockefeller Foundation grant, Robin was the subject of a lengthy *New Yorker* magazine profile, later expanded into a book of the same title.

In 1995, Robin presented the Annual Faculty Lecture — a concert with commentary — at the UW. She is the first professor of music in the history of the University to be awarded this lectureship. *Seattle* magazine selected McCabe as one of 17 current and past UW professors who have had an impact on life in the Pacific Northwest. In 2005, to celebrate its 100th year as an institution, The Juilliard School selected

It remains that essential!

If you haven’t yet provided your email address to the Foundation — or if your email address has changed (including change from a campus email address) — 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.

Robin as one of 100 alumni from 20,000 currently living to be profiled in its centenary publication recognizing distinction and accomplishments in the international world of music, dance, and theater.

She is a highly-sought teacher at the University of Washington, with students coming from around the world seeking admission to her studio.



Robin McCabe; with UW’s Dubs (below).





Mortar Board initiation, Tolo Class of 2018

Tolo Chapter 2018: teamwork, commitment, giving back

Greetings! I am Kristy Kwon, President of the 2018 Tolo Class at the University of Washington. I am very honored to represent and collaborate with the 22 members of our dynamic chapter — each with unique backgrounds, talents and interests, but united under a common goal to promote scholarship, leadership and service in our community.

Throughout the year, Tolo Chapter came together to discuss and develop projects to build leadership, assist families and individuals in need, and outreach to our student body. For example, through the mentorship of first-year students and various leadership panels, our chapter not only interacted with a diverse group of youth and professionals alike, but also taught and showcased the importance of engaging in what we are passionate about and challenging ourselves intellectually and personally. In doing so, we aim to inspire others to explore their curiosity, set new goals and work as a team to fulfill their vision, and ultimately build a productive, happy life.

Importantly, our honor society desired to address the concerns of our local community, particularly those of vulnerable populations. Giving back meant that we had to look to those around us and be attentive to the needs of individuals who do not have the resources to make ends meet or live stably. From organizing donations and fundraisers in the Seattle area to volunteering on-site, Tolo

Chapter combined our strengths and efforts to represent and help these groups as much as possible. We are driven to maintain a positive and caring interaction with those we help, and through our support and care, seek to empower them to overcome their difficulties.

Mortar Board National Honor Society has taught the members and me first-hand the importance of teamwork and commitment, and helped us truly internalize what it means to make an impact in our university and community. Since 1909, our chapter has continued to uphold the pillars of scholarship, leadership and service, and we will continue to pass on these traditions and values to the next group of students for the years to come. Thank you.

— Kristy Kwan



Celebrating Mortar Board's Centennial... and Planning Ahead

Focus ... focus ... focus ...

... that's what my trainer at the gym reminds me when I start laughing during weight-lifting, especially those curls. Focus. It's a good thing, right? Well, most of the time!

There are times when that isn't so good. For instance, I have been so focused the past couple of years on Mortar Board's Centennial Celebration (this August 3-5 in Columbus, Ohio) and our Centennial Campaign (more than \$1.3 million raised), that I have taken my eyes from other things going on with our chapters around the country. When I am reminded by Margot Smith to take a look at what is going on in your neck of the woods, I am awestruck. You are the ones doing the heavy lifting! Wow!

Thank you, Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation, for focusing on your purpose and expression of Mortar Board's Ideals. Your scholarship program (\$46,500 awarded this



Jane Hamblin

year alone) is a jaw-dropping way to support students—not solely Mortar Board members, but all students. Your regional alumni group has at least 60 chapters represented —my guess is that yours is the largest of all alumni chapters. You gather together to celebrate and

reacquaint and meet new members (like your upcoming April 21 Annual Meeting). As much as any local Mortar Board group, you celebrate the intergenerational nature of our Society. Our collegiate chapters at UW, SPU, UPS and PLU are so lucky to have your backing.

I am proud to celebrate Mortar Board's Centennial with you. Many of you have given to our Centennial Campaign (CenCam), and your gifts make a difference. The Board of Trustees of the Mortar Board National Foundation (MBNF) is focused on building a large enough endowment to help provide enduring support for Mortar Board's annual operations. They took on a huge challenge, and it is paying off. At the same time, the MBNF continues to present national fellowships to Mortar Board members. Nearly every year, a graduate of a chapter in the Northwest is a Mortar



Board Fellow (Bryce Ellis from UW is a 2017 fellow; Thomas Kim of PLU is a 2016 Fellow; Bryan Dosono from UW is a 2015 fellow. A few years earlier, Erina Aoyama and Sarah Boone from UW were fellows.)

Since you represent so many chapters around the country, allow me also to put in a request that you consider starting a Chapter Endowment for your chapter in the MBNF. A chapter endowment creates “forever funds” for your chapter, guaranteeing operating funds year in and year out. The threshold is only \$10,000 and five years is the length of time given to reach the threshold. AND the best thing is that every donor to a chapter endowment also is a donor to Mortar Board's Centennial Campaign. While I don't want to take your focus away from local giving opportunities, I can't resist pointing out the true “win-win” of giving to the MBNF through a Chapter Endowment so that your local chapter is the ultimate beneficiary. Should you want to name the endowment, it is a great way to honor your dean or your advisor, or your class. Visit our website or call our office for more information. We'd be delighted to speak with you.

All alumni are welcome to attend our Centennial Celebration in August. Please check out the Mortar Board website for registration and hotel information. Registration for the whole conference is \$295, which includes the Alumni Summit on August 4, the Keynote Address, and the Candlelight Banquet.

I hope to see you in Columbus for the Centennial. Moreover, I look forward to our mutual focus on Mortar Board's second century! Let's keep lifting together!

— Jane Hamblin, Mortar Board Executive Director

National Mortar Board Turns 100

As National Mortar Board turns 100 this year, it seems appropriate to reflect back on our beginnings: those first formative decades, and the momentous decision the organization faced 57 years later with the passage of Title IX.

Mortar Board national collegiate honor society was first dreamed up via a chance encounter between two coeds at the University of Chicago in 1915. The coeds wore similar mortarboard pins, and while they were members of separate societies at separate universities, they realized their organizations were remarkably similar — not only in choice of pins, but in selection, traditions, and ideals as well.

One of the two coeds wrote to her society at Swarthmore College to inform them of the coincidence. Curious to learn if there were additional similar societies, the 1916 class of Pi Sigma Chi at Swarthmore sent letters to universities across the nation. Four universities responded with interest in forming a national group, and thus Eta Pi Upsilon of Syracuse University, Der Hexenkreis of Cornell University, Mortar Board of The Ohio State University, and Mortarboard of the University of Michigan came to be gathered with Pi Sigma Chi of Swarthmore College in February of 1918 to discuss the idea of nationalization.

The group quickly selected a motto, pin, national dues (\$3 per chapter!), initiation ceremony and constitution, but couldn't agree on a name. They finally decided upon Mortar Board, with the deciding vote being cast by mail after the convention. The name was officially adopted in 1919, and was indeed so contentious that Syracuse opted not to join the national organization. Eta Pi Upsilon still exists as a local society at Syracuse today.

The 1920s saw women win the right to vote, which brought more women to college than ever before and resulted in growth for Mortar Board. While many women at this time studied gender-specific coursework, many Mortar Board members chose to avail themselves of the full offerings of their universities. One such member was Dr. Virginia Helm Milner from the University of Kentucky, who went on to earn her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University and become a resident physician at Children's Hospital of San Francisco at age 26.



Mortar Board, Tolo Chapter—1926

The 1930s started with the Great Depression, which naturally caused fundraising issues for the growing national organization. Despite the incredible challenges of the time, Mortar Board members were relentlessly optimistic. They hosted teas, mentored freshmen, and held fireside forums and campus dances. They were also immensely charitable, holding clothing drives, donating toys and clothes to orphanages, and giving out college scholarships. An important event for Mortar Board in this decade was joining the Association of College Honor Societies in 1937.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor plunged America into war in 1941. Mortar Board members contributed to the war effort by knitting bandages for wounded soldiers, volunteering for the Red Cross, hosting blood drives, and selling defense stamps, among other activities. Mortar Board members also enlisted in women's service units for the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, and Air Force.

The 1950s saw a return to conservative values in America. While record numbers of women were enrolling in college, graduation rates were declining, and women faced an uphill battle if they pursued careers in fields other than homemaking, teaching, nursing, or secretarial services. Mortar Board chapters engaged in the conversation of a woman's place in society, offering education on women's options after graduation. Indeed, the 1955 National Convention deemed women's access to post-baccalaureate education to be so important that they voted to establish the Mortar Board Foundation Fund for this purpose.

The 1960s saw Mortar Board members promoting activism and encouraging academic growth. Chapters hosted thought-provoking coffee hours and discussion forums. They sponsored guest speakers to address the student body, such as the University of Redlands WEBS chapter lecture on draft card burning. Mortar Board chapters also fought campus injustices, such as curfews for only female students. Little did members know that gender equality would come to campus in a major way only a few years later with the passage of Title IX.

Title IX marked a critical decision point in Mortar Board's existence. There were understandably strong feelings against changing the membership of the organization that had thrived for over 50 years. After much heated debate, delegates at the 1975 conference voted to open membership to men because they refused to vote Mortar Board out of existence. They refused to consolidate with a male honor society; they refused to pretend that Mortar Board was a social sorority; and they refused to let each chapter go it on their own and seek individual exemptions where they could. Such was the strength of our delegates that they were willing to accept radical change to preserve the organization and values they believed so deeply in.

With strength like that, it's no wonder that we're still here today, celebrating 100 years of scholarship, leadership and service.

— Jennifer Brennan

Golden Class of 1968: Theirs was a dramatic year!



Tolo Class of 1968. Left to right (Back Row): Jane Leimbacher Hess, Lorna Dyer, Mary Sue Wenger Phillips, Cathy Carr, Rosemary Barker Aragon, Judy Noreen, Nancy Luft Rising, Cathy Waltz, Ann Blystad Keppler, Marilyn Waesche, Sandy Crosby. (Middle Row): Patricia Eby, Margaret Hansen, Donna DeMynck Cox, Robin Kettenring Pasquarella, Peggy Robinson, Carol Farnsworth Sakata, Joan Heimbigner Nye. (Front Row): Lesley Feltman Glasgow, Penny Finch Robinson, Ann Medluck, Wendy Berge Bellinger, Mary Ann Sawhill Murphy, Lizette Muller Lauzen, Lynn Miller Lindsay.

Many say 1968 remains arguably the most historic year in modern American history. The United States was steeped in war, the Tet Offensive was waged against South Vietnam, the U.S., and their allies. Revered leaders of peace — Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert F. Kennedy — were assassinated. There were triumphs, too. Apollo 8 was the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon. Boeing introduced the first 747 “jumbo jet”. McDonalds introduced the first Big Mac, and it costed 49 cents! The Beatles and Rolling Stones dominated pop music, and maxi and midi skirts joined mini skirts on the fashion scene.

The Golden Class of 1968 not only survived such a tumultuous year, they thrived, establishing a distinguished record of achievement and contributions on national, regional, and local levels.



The following Mortar Board alumnae, members of the Golden Class of 1968, will be honored at the Foundation's festive Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 21.

Rosemary Barker Aragon, UW
Gladys E. Balleaux, University of Redlands
Carol Coryell, University of Oregon
Donna DeMynck Cox, UW
Lorna Dyer, UW
Patricia Eby, UW
Rosa Beth Gibson, University of Kansas
Jane Leimbacher Hess, UW
Kathy Jolly, UW
Ann Blystad Keppler, UW
Lizette Muller Lauzen, UW
Lynn Miller Lindsay, UW
Mary Ann Sawhill Murphy, UW
Joan Heimbigner Nye, UW
Robin Kettenring Pasquarella, UW
Penny Finch Robinson, UW
Carol Farnsworth Sakata, UW
Charlotte Krack Green Waugh, Wittenberg University

Meet the 2017/2018 Tolo Foundation Scholars

From a highly accomplished field of candidates, outstanding University of Washington students were selected as 2017/2018 Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Scholars.

The Foundation awarded a total of \$46,500 in scholarships for this academic year. Scholarships ranged from \$2,000 to \$3,500. (Foundation scholarship names are in parentheses. Named scholarships are the result of significant gifts honoring or memorializing esteemed Mortar Board alumni.)

Tim Adamson, senior; Civil Engineering (Margaret Graham/Priscilla Trzcinski). Tim is acquiring skills valuable in serving marginalized populations in developing countries. Tim loves researching, coding, spending time with his friends.

Alexa Alberts, graduate student; Social Work (Tolo Centennial). Alexa plans a career in mental health education and treatment. Through program development and individual counseling, she aims to increase accessibility and quality of mental health services for low-income and other marginalized populations.

Lindsey Chen, graduate student; Social Work (Tolo). Lindsey is working on her career as a counselor and community activist. She aspires to build her understanding of working with communities, individuals, and policies in a socially just way.

Logan Esterling, junior; Music Performance, oboe (Music Performance). Logan is working towards a career as an orchestral musician and teacher. He aspires to share the gift of music with his community through the combination of performance and youth education.

Mengjun Guo, doctoral student; Communication (Ruth and Marshall McDonald, Bernthine Leiren Anderson/Schuler). Mengjun is working toward a career in communication research in academia. She hopes to educate the public about the interplay between new media technologies and culture and society, and help activists to better use technologies to facilitate their goals.

Taylor Johnson, graduate student; Experimental Education Unit (Margaret Hadley). Completing additional coursework in the Applied Behavior Analysis Graduate Program, Taylor seeks to teach in an inclusive classroom focusing on the academic success, social inclusion and behavioral support of all her students.

Clara Manahan, senior; Political Science/Law, Societies, and Justice. (Margaret Shaw Anderson). Clara’s academic interests include education, the criminal justice system, and the role of media in shaping public consciousness. Clara hopes to help reform the criminal justice system.

Mary Elizabeth Mayer, junior; International Studies, Russian (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson). Mary Elizabeth has a passion for pushing boundaries and making connections between individuals and ideas. She is pursuing a career in international trade law, specifically in relation to the Arctic Circle and protecting rights of underserved people there.

Henry Milander, senior; Business Administration—Finance/International Studies/Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (Arnold and Carolyn Bryant Peterson). Henry aspires to a career in economic development and corporate social responsibility. He hopes to gain experience and later become an Economic Foreign Service Officer improving relations with near eastern countries.

Brittany Myer, graduate student; Public Health Nutrition (Tolo). Britt has a passion for working with low-income families, helping to provide clinical nutrition care to those with limited resources. She hopes to educate the public about the relationship between nutrition and chronic disease prevention.

Erin Phelps, graduate student; Nutritional Sciences (Betty Benson Runstad). Erin is pursuing a career in clinical nutrition services. She hopes to work in a hospital setting, addressing the nutritional needs of those who are suffering acute or chronic illness, thereby supporting their long-term health.

MacKenzie Johnson Rinaldi, doctoral student; Medicine (Heritage). A medical student at UWSOM Spokane, MacKenzie is working toward a career in pediatrics. She hopes to return to Eastern Washington after residency to practice in the community in which she grew up.

Chanira Reang Sperry, doctoral student; Educational Leadership—UW Tacoma (Elizabeth Ayers). Chanira plans a career in higher education administration. She aspires to dismantle structural inequality by developing policies that create educational equities.

Casey Sullivan, graduate student; Education (Elizabeth Ayers). Casey is earning a Secondary Education Master’s in Teaching degree. Casey hopes to spread her passion for biological science and lifelong learning to the next generation of students as their high school science teacher.

Victoria Thomas, doctoral student; Communication (Madeline Jones Campbell, Elizabeth Ayers). Victoria is working towards a career as university professor. She aspires to conduct research on Black popular culture and to mentor graduate students of color. She is also passionate about social justice activism and equitable educational opportunities for underrepresented individuals.

Priya Uppal, senior; International Studies, Biology (Dr. Eleanor Hadley). Priya is working towards a career in Global Health and Health Policy. She aspires to work in underserved communities, combating diseases of poverty including HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria.



Legacy of Learning

Our financial support of outstanding students is a central, strong part of our 102-year alumni history — and our scholarships are more important than ever! Our investment in students brings great hope and potential for a big future. Our Tolo Scholars have expressed how their scholarships have provided vital support and inspiration at a pivotal time. Please take a moment to read some of the comments our Tolo Scholars have shared (next column).

We are deeply grateful to the following Friends of Mortar Board who gave to the Foundation and its scholarships program in 2017. Please consider joining them this year!

Kate Ahrens	Lynn Miller Lindsay
Larry and Sharon Anderson	Dr. Robin McCabe
Carol Batchelder	Mary Mikkelsen
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Grace “Biji” Keigley	Lynnette Woerne
Maxine Softky LeBeau	
Linda Lee	In memory of: Beverlei Hoerlein

Messages from our Scholars

“This scholarship will enable me to complete my doctoral studies in Higher Education Leadership. My commitment to model positive leadership behavior by nurturing personal and professional growth in immigrant communities is deepened because of your support.”

“When I graduate, I will work as a counselor in a community mental health agency serving diverse populations with lower-socioeconomic status. Your support in helping achieve my goals has been indispensable.”

“I remember my interview with the Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation as my favorite interview I have ever had. I left the interview feeling very proud of my accomplishments and seen by those who interviewed me.”

“I am very honored to receive a scholarship in her (Dr. Eleanor Hadley) name. I hope that I can make even a fraction of the impact that Dr. Hadley made through her work. I’m pursuing a dual degree in international studies (on the global health track) and biology (medical school).”

“This scholarship has been instrumental for me as I have navigated through and deepened my college experience. I’m happy to say that because of it I feel better prepared to follow a career dedicated to economic justice in the world, and operate therein successfully. Thank you for your continued support and everything else you do through Mortar Board.”

“This scholarship is helping me complete my Master’s in Teaching which will allow me to teach high school science. I cannot wait to spread my passion for science and lifelong learning with high school students.”

In Memoriam



We honor the following Mortar Board members who have departed.

- Liz Jallie Bagshaw (UW, 1954)
- Frances Joslin Boroughs (UW, 1950)
- Jean McLeod Buff (UW, 1939)
- Fran Burroughs (UW, 1950)
- Evelyn Johnson Chapman (Whitman College, 1957)
- Beverley Naubert Funk (Oregon State University, 1948)
- Jill Warren Hacker (San Diego State University, 1966)
- Barbara Bloxom Huston (Pomona College, 1951)
- Rhoda Daly Jensen (Whitman College, 1960)
- Shirley Thiel Lange (UW, 1952)
- Virginia (Ginny) Hesketh Murray (UW, 1947)
- Wendy J. Olson (University of Puget Sound, 2000)
- Margaret A. Powers (UW, 1950)
- Sylvia Nilsen Tupper (UW, 1948)
- Elizabeth (“Liz”) Lovsted Van Pelt (UW, 1953)
- Betty Belle Morrison Vitousek (UW, 1940)

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
- Website: www.mortarboardtolo.org
- Postal: Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation
P.O. Box 53162; Bellevue, WA 98015
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/MortarBoardAlumniTolo/
- Phone: 425.747.6197 (Margot Nilsen Smith)
206.364.8767 (Barbara Schlag Peterson)

If you are interested in reaching or donating to National Mortar Board, or in visiting other Mortar Board chapter websites, the following links will help you:

- National Mortar Board:
<http://www.mortarboard.org>
1200 Chambers Rd., Suite 201
Columbus, OH 43212
800.989.6266

Over 60 colleges and universities are represented in Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation’s membership. For other chapters (not in our region), visit National Mortar Board’s website.

- UW Tolo Chapter: uwmortarboard.dreamhosters.com
- 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



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- Chancy Grace



Board of Directors members 2017-2018. (Left to right)
Emina Dacic, Margot Nilsen Smith, Kristi Grinnell,
Jennifer Brennan, Barbara Schlag Peterson
Not pictured: Suzanne Savitz Whitacre

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