



The Barbara Cook Chapter
Mortar Board
Purdue University

January 18, 2007

Dear Recommender,

As a national honor society for senior students, Mortar Board was created with three objectives:

- To recognize and encourage leadership and scholastic excellence.
- To foster a spirit of fellowship and service among university students.
- To promote and advance the status of women.

Purdue's Barbara Cook Mortar Board Chapter is consistently recognized as one of the strongest chapters in the nation. Members are selected by recommendations and not by individual petitions or interviews. The nature of this process makes you, as a recommender, invaluable in our annual selection.

Both men and women are eligible for membership. Membership requirements include superior scholarship (generally a graduate index of at least 3.2), leadership, and service to the University or community. While there is no limit on the number of juniors and continuing seniors that one can recommend, please keep in mind that Mortar Board is an honor society comprised of the University's top students. In addition, when selecting students for this honor, please take into consideration Mortar Board's goal of inclusiveness and a commitment to reflecting the diversity of our campus in its membership.

Complete nominations with all requested information, including comments on the quality of the nominees' service and scholarship and a list of their activities, is vital to our selection process. Information concerning nominees' attitudes, initiative, and scholastic achievements is helpful. Students who are currently co-oping or studying abroad are also eligible.

Please keep in mind that our selection process is highly secretive. We would appreciate your help in keeping our nominations completely confidential, including from the nominees themselves.

Please complete the online form no later than Friday, February 16, 2007, at 5 p.m. A hard copy of the form in a downloadable format and a sample nomination are also available on our Web site at:

<http://www.purdue.edu/mortarboard/> (Follow the link to "Mortar Board Nominations" from the homepage.)

Thank you for helping us to continue the Mortar Board tradition.

Best Regards,

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