

**Mortar Board
Akraia Chapter
University of Vermont
Burlington, VT 05405**

Dear Student,

January 2005

Mortar Board is an honor society for college seniors open to the candidacy of all students of junior standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above who plan to graduate in December 2005 or May 2006. Selection for membership is based on scholarship, leadership, and service to the college or community. Since Mortar Board is an active society, members are expected to participate in the chapter's activities throughout their senior year to retain their membership.

Mortar Board is a national organization founded by The Ohio State University, the University of Michigan, Cornell University, and Swarthmore College on February 16, 1918. UVM joined the organization in 1924. There are currently 213 active chapters on campuses throughout the country. Our traditional activities include conferring Sophomore Awards on potential members, raising money for the United Way, donating food to needy families through the local food shelf, cooking weekly dinners at the Ronald McDonald House, decorating the local hospital for the holiday season, reading to children and their mothers at the LUND Family Center, and various other volunteer activities. Normally we receive over a hundred applications from the top students at UVM, of which about a quarter are selected.

The current members of the UVM chapter will be selecting students for next year's chapter in March. In order to have complete information on your candidacy, we ask you to complete an Information Sheet which is on our website: www.uvm.edu/~mboard/ In addition, we request one brief, informal letter from a faculty member or campus official commenting on your leadership potential and service to others. This letter must be sent directly to Mortar Board, Department of Student Life, Billings Student Center, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. These documents are due **no later than 4 pm on Friday, February 11, 2005**. You need not return the Information Sheet if you choose not to be considered for membership.

Congratulations on the possibility of your becoming a Mortar Board member. If you have questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the membership selections committee listed below. You may wish to attend an **Information Session on Thursday, January 27, 2005, at 8 pm in John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill Building**. A short film giving details about Mortar Board will be shown and any questions you may have will be answered.

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