On September 21, 2013, the Carson Newman University’s Mortar Board members and advisors for the 2013-2014 year met at the Seaton House for an evening of fellowship and planning fundraising opportunities and numerous service projects. After eating pizza and homemade baked goodies, everyone came together for a “get to know you” ice breaker to establish each individual’s presence while creating community amongst the group. Immediately following the ice breaker, the president, Liz Campbell and vice president, Lindsay Stevens, led a personality quiz to recognize the diverse personalities in the room. Based on those results, everyone was divided into four diverse small groups to brainstorm about future fundraising and community service events. After twenty minutes, the entire group discussed all opportunities and collaborated on each of those individually. The passion for serving in the community, the drive to lead on campus, and motivation to excel academically was evident in each of this year’s members, as well as the inspiration provided by our faculty sponsors: Dr. Christine Dalton and Dr. Kara Stooksbury.

As one of the Mortar Board’s service projects, the BOOST 5K Color Run this year was a success. In order to add fun to the run, white t-shirts were given to every participant so that the powder color could be more easily recognized. In the picture above, a few participants were reaching the halfway marker. The race was held around the two lap campus course. The pictures below are just a few snapshots of the event.

The Carson Newman Chapter was blessed to send the 2013-2014 vice president, Lindsay Stevens to the annual Mortar Board National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on August 2-4. Not only did she enjoy meeting delegates from several other chapters, but she was able to return and share the knowledge she gained of ways to lead and serve in the classroom, on campus, and in the community.
Mission Statement

Service-minded scholars using talents and abilities to strengthen and build a better community.

The chapter received the Golden Torch Award for the sixth consecutive year, and a Project Excellence Award for the BOOST 5k for the third consecutive year.

Panathenées Chapter 2013-2014

Greetings all! On Sunday September 22, 2013, the Panathenées chapter of Mortar Board at Carson-Newman University met for the annual planning retreat. The retreat was held at the Seaton Guest house on Carson-Newman campus and it was a huge success! Every member was in attendance as well as both faculty sponsors. We began our retreat by socializing and enjoying refreshments. After playing an ice breaker game led by our head peon, John Kimbrough, we got right to business and began planning the year’s events. There were so many great projects presented that we had trouble narrowing them down! My favorites that we chose to take on are President for a Day, Musical Benefit Concert, and a Christmas party for local foster children. President for a Day involves students raising money to get the chance to switch lives with our University President, Dr. O’Brien, for a full work day. The Musical Benefit Concert will take place on campus and students have the opportunity to audition to play. Also, audience members have the opportunity to perform if they so desire. Lastly, the Christmas party for local foster children is just that, a Christmas party. We are hoping to partner with various organizations to raise enough money to buy gifts for these children or even take gift donations at Mortar Board events. I am pleased to confirm that the Bone Marrow Drive that was such a success last year is also going to be an event for us this year. Another traditional event, the B.O.O.S.T Your Speed 5K was such a huge success last year that we have had organizations asking to be involved with it this year! Not only are we still going to host the 5K, but we are aiming to make it an all-day event complete with booths, exercise leaders, nutritional consultants, fun runs for younger children, etc. Needless to say, the Panathenées chapter of Mortar Board have their hands full this year, and we are thrilled to get started.

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