Hello! We recently had our fall planning retreat and it was such a success! We headed up to the beautiful mountain retreat center – Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center. We roasted hot dogs and s’mores around the camp fire, played ice breakers, and did a lot of planning! This year we have so many great projects planned. One of most exciting service projects is our Bone Marrow Donor Drive hopefully in conjunction with the UTK Mortar Board Chapter during a skirmish basketball game with UTK. During the Homecoming Musical, *Into the Woods*, we are going to host a book drive for the newly built elementary school in Jefferson County that is in desperate need for books for their library. In addition to the B.O.O.S.T. 5K in the spring, this fall we are hoping to host a college/career week at the B.O.O.S.T. Tutoring Centers to teach the kids about different majors, athletics and the opportunities that college offers to students. We also hoping to partner with Remote Area Medical to assist in assembling dental/medical supply packets that will be distributed to schools and social service agencies. Another project will be a publication in hopefully partnership with C-NC First Year Program, it's called “If Only I Had Known” book which is for freshman with letters from seniors with advice and insight into their next four years. Also, with the holiday season coming up, we are going to visit the elderly and host an Angel Tree. A dance-off fundraiser is in the talks. We also are carrying the tradition of the “Senior Choice Chapel”.

We do have busy year ahead but this group has an amazing God-given energy and drive and they are willing to carry the Torch to the end.

Blessings!

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**2012-2013 Officers**

**President:** Jessica Whitmill—Talbott, TN—is a Theater and Social Entrepreneurship major with a Business Administration minor.

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**Fundraising Chair:** Morgan Chafin—Bristol, TN—is a Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics major.

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**Advisors:** Dr. Christine Dalton and Dr. Kara Stooksbury

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**Mission Statement**

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

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**Induction**

The induction of the class of 2013 took place on March 2nd, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church of Jefferson City. Celebration afterwards was at Angelos’ at the Point.
Fall 2012 Retreat

Location: Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center
Date: September 14, 2012

2011—2012 Recap

The BOOST 5K Race was a success. Above, participants start the race near the Campus Ministries house on campus. Due to the success of raising money for BOOST, Mortar Board was awarded the Re-Action award, given to the group on campus that raises the most money for a given organization. Below, past Mortar Board members Kara Hedges and Cloi Craig accept the award.

Mortar Board also received the Golden Torch Award for the 5th consecutive year, continuing the legacy of scholarship, leadership, and service.

Mortar Board Retreat

After discussing several ideas for community work and fundraising, several projects were chosen. Some of the projects include hosting a bone marrow donor drive, providing books for a local elementary school, tell kids at BOOST (a local after school program) about the importance of going to college, buying Christmas presents for the elderly, supporting Remote Area Medical, and creating an interactive advice book for freshmen of Carson-Newman. Some fundraisers include BOOST 5K race, a Soup-er Bowl of Caring drive, Krispie Kreme doughnut sale, and a dance-off in February. Any help from alumni would be greatly appreciated as we continue to serve the community through these projects and more.