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## Orinda Native Motar Board Fellowship Recipient

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Orinda native and Mortar Board award recipient Daniel Citron Photo provided

Every year, the Mortar Board National Foundation awards fellowships to assist members in financing their graduate studies, and it recently awarded \$30,000 to eight exceptional Mortar Board members to support their graduate education during the 2015-16 academic year. One award recipient, Orinda native Daniel Citron, was inspired by philanthropic work with the homeless population and a study abroad experience in Costa Rica to pursue a career in dentistry. Citron says that these experiences "shaped my views on international health and inspired me to make a commitment to providing accessible dental and oral health care to the most marginalized members of society." A 2009 graduate of Miramonte High School, Citron is a 2014 summa cum laude graduate of San Diego State University, where he earned his baccalaureate degree in international security and conflict resolution, and served as a member of the award-winning Jane K. Smith Cap & Gown chapter of Mortar Board. A passionate musician and avid fitness enthusiast, Citron will attend the UCLA School of Dentistry in the fall as a Mortar Board Fellowship recipient. To learn more about Mortar Board, visit [www.mortarboard.org](http://www.mortarboard.org).

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