

United States Senate Youth Alumni Association (USSYAA)

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Annual Letter 2002

From the President's Desk

– John Selmon Blakley, Sr. (MI, 1976)

March 2003 will mark the 5th Anniversary of the United States Senate Youth Alumni Association (the "USSYAA") and participation of several William Randolph Hearst United States Senate Youth Program (the "USSYP") alumni across the nation. The board of directors of the USSYAA is comprised of distinguished USSYP alumni who are dedicated to the advancement of youth leadership, education, and public service within their communities. Board members serve on a volunteer basis without compensation or *per-diem*.

The USSYAA is focused around the hopes, desires and efforts of Rosalie Wynn ("Mom Hearst") and George Randolph Hearst, Sr. The **MISSION** of the USSYAA is to promote the general welfare of the USSYP by fostering a spirit of loyalty, commitment, and service among program alumni by:

1. Building and maintaining avenues of communication among program alumni;
2. Providing financial assistance for professional educational needs of program alumni; and
3. Supporting the USSYP when called upon to do so by program officials.

USSYAA does not charge dues; membership is a right of participation in the USSYP. Mom Hearst was instrumentally involved with the USSYP. From 1963 to 1999, Mom Hearst called to the homes of each and every USSYP delegate and alumni to notify their parents that their child safely arrived to the USSYP at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Because there was a pressing need for USSYP alumni and various USSYP personnel to honor Mom Hearst before she could no longer participate with the USSYP, the USSYAA was incorporated expeditiously so that Mom Hearst could witness its establishment.

Finally, Mom Hearst was honored at the USSYAA's First Annual Program on her last birthday, Sunday, March 7, 1999, at the Mayflower Hotel

From 1963 to 1999, many USSYP alumni requested Mom Hearst's assistance to support their graduate education financial needs. Mom Hearst really wanted an organization established to provide financial assistance for graduate school needs of program alumni. So, during the USSYAA's First Annual Program, Mom Hearst contributed \$50,000 towards startup costs. The charter board members voted to use a majority of the funds to create The **Rosalie Wynn and George Randolph Hearst, Sr., Scholarship Fund**. The first recipient of a scholarship from this fund will be honored February 28, 2003 at the USSYAA's 5th Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner and again on March 1, 2003 when 2003 delegates arrive at the Mayflower Hotel.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Mrs. Millicent Hearst Boudjakdji, president of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and a director of The Hearst Corporation. Mrs. Boudjakdji, 63, died on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at her Los Angeles home with her family at her side after a long and valiant battle with cancer. A full obituary was printed in newspapers across the nation and is available from the Hearst Corporation web site at <www.hearst.com/news/press_101802.html>. Ms. Boudjakdji was a granddaughter of William Randolph Hearst. She is survived by her husband, as well as four children, three grandchildren, her mother and a brother.

In lieu of flowers, to honor her memory, donations may be sent to
John Wayne Cancer Institute
Millicent Hearst Boudjakdji Fund
2200 Santa Monica Blvd
Santa Monica, CA 90404
(310) 315-6111

or

St. John's Health Center Foundation Nursing Initiative
1328 22nd Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Attention: Ann Ventura
(310) 829-8424.

Tax-Exempt Status Approved

In January of this year, USSYAA's charitable tax status and application for exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Codes was officially

approved. This means that donations to USSYAA are affirmed as tax deductible. (Previously the IRS had provided a provisional assumption of exemption status.)

James T. Malloy Receives 2002 Alumni Service Award

– Randy Brantley (NC, 1981)

On Friday evening, March 1, alumni gathered at 218 Maryland Avenue, an exquisite 1878 Victorian home owned by Kay Webber, staff assistant to Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi. During the Annual Dinner, John Blakley (MI '76), USSYAA president, presented the 2002 Alumni Service Award to Jim Molloy, USSYAA executive director and last doorkeeper of the U.S. House of Representatives. Molloy served as doorkeeper from 1974–1995, during which time he directed almost 400 administrative and professional staff in a full array of services for members, committees, and affiliated organizations. As primary aide to House speakers Carl Albert, Thomas O'Neill, James Wright, and Tom Foley, Molloy coordinated 71 joint sessions of Congress, including the Annual State of the Union Address given by the president. Prior to being elected doorkeeper, Molloy served as House finance officer, overseeing growth of the legislative appropriations for the House from \$75 million to \$126 million between 1969 and 1974. He presently serves as chairman of the board of directors of the U.S. House of Representatives Federal Credit Union, a position to which he has been elected 27 successive times. Molloy holds an honorary doctor of laws degree from his alma mater, Canisius College. He completed the bachelor's of science in economics in 1958.

USSYAA Members Staff Mentoring Tables at 2002 U.S. Senate Youth Program; Participants for 2003 Sought

– Michael Sundermeyer (MO, 1969) and Randy Brantley (NC, 1981)

On the afternoon of Saturday, March 2, alumni participated in "Hospitality Day" at the 40th Anniversary of the U.S. Senate Youth Program held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. At the invitation of Tom Eastham, Hearst Foundation western region director, alumni staffed four "mentoring tables" on the topics of education, medicine, business, and law/government. Alumni discussed education preparation, job seeking, and career advancement with the 2002 Senate Youth Program delegates.

Because of broad participation by alumni, we were able to offer delegates a wide range of experience and advice. College and professional school students addressed first-hand a variety of questions about education and career preparation. Recent graduates addressed landing the first job, networking, and the differences between student and professional life. A number of alumni with 15-25 years of professional experience also participated.

Alumni are invited to participate during the 2003 program. Arrival day is March 1, 2003. We'll be organizing interest areas in January. A committee for each area

will develop literature and organize the schedule for the informal group discussions. If you would like to help plan and present the Mentoring Program for the 2003 delegates, please contact any USSYAA board member or e-mail <msundermeyer@wc.com>.

Pictures from 2002 Alumni Weekend Available On-Line at
<<http://www.ussyaa.org/minutes/2002pics.php>>

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

– Randy Brantley (NC, 1981)

On Saturday morning, March 2, alumni gathered at the law offices of Williams & Connolly for the fourth Annual Membership Meeting. Alumnus Mike Sundermeyer (MO '69) is a partner in the law firm. Alumni voted to propose the restructuring of the board of directors to provide for succession to the office of president. In addition, the proposal included a rotation system for board members. Members elected the following alumni as officers for 2002–2003:

President	John S. Blakley, Sr.(MI, 1976) president@ussyaa.org
President-Elect	Robert R. Middleton (D.C., 1966), president_elect@ussyaa.org
Vice-President	Randy L. Brantley (NC, 1981) vice_president@ussyaa.org
Treasurer	Scott Shapiro (WA, 1988) treasurer@ussyaa.org
Secretary	Christine Drager (AK, 1988) secretary@ussyaa.org
Parliamentarian	Craig W. Hulvey, (ID, 1968) parliamentarian@ussyaa.org
Liaison Officer	Michael S. Sundermeyer (MO, 1969) liaison_officer@wc.com
Director of Alumni Programs	Nathan J. A. Humphrey (CA, 1990) program_director@ussyaa.org
Director of Technology	Dan Brown (MS, 1987) technology_director@ussyaa.org
Director of Communications	Norman L. Fortenberry (LA, 1979) communications_director@ussyaa.org

Additionally, the Board is grateful to have the experience and wisdom of James T. Molloy and Gladys Hundley:

Executive Director

James T. Molloy,
Last Doorkeeper of the U.S. House of
Representatives

Special Advisor

Gladys S. Hundley
Former Personal Assistant to Mrs. George
Randolph Hearst, Sr.
advisor@ussyaa.org

USSYAA Board Names Regional Directors

– Norman Fortenberry (LA, 1979)

At its third quarter meeting, the USSYAA Board of Directors authorized and selected Regional Directors for USSYAA. Among other duties, Regional Directors are responsible for establishing and strengthening links with and among alumni in their geographic region as well as enlisting local alumni to enhance awareness of the United States Senate Youth Program by high schools in their region. The individuals and their regions are as follows:

Central Regional Director

Connie Britner (MI, 1966),
central_director@ussyaa.org

Eastern Regional Director

Sean Farrell (MA, 1996)
eastern_director@ussyaa.org

Northern Regional Director

David Zavadsky (WI, 1990)
northern_director@ussyaa.org

Southern Regional Director

Erin Butler (FL, 1997)
southern_director@ussyaa.org

Western Regional Director

Brandon Lucas (CA, 1988)
western_director@ussyaa.org

USSYAA Remains Solvent

– Scott Shapiro (WA, 1988)

As of October 1, 2002, USSYAA had revenues of \$66,570 and expenses of \$28,560 providing a balance of \$38,010. These figures are cumulative since the inception of the organization and are not annualized.

First Alumni Scholarship Winner Announced

– Nathan Humphries (CA, 1990)

At the October 1, 2002 meeting, the USSYAA Board of Directors approved the award of the first Rosalie Wynn and George Randolph Hearst, Sr. Scholarship to Ms. Jessica Briggs, (CO, 1993). Ms. Briggs will soon become a Physician

Assistant, has an excellent academic record, and has a proven commitment to serving low-income patients. Ms. Briggs will be formally presented with her award at the 2003 Alumni Dinner to be held on Friday, February 28th at the home of Michael Sundermeyer (MO, 1969).

USSYAA Seeks Donations to the Rosalie Wynn and George Randolph Hearst Sr. Scholarship Fund

Now that our tax exempt status has been confirmed, and we have initiated our scholarship activities, this would be a great time for alumni to actively consider making donations to the ***Rosalie Wynn and George Randolph Hearst, Sr. Scholarship Fund***. Please note the scholarship fund is a project of USSYAA and is neither affiliated with nor endorsed by The William Randolph Hearst Foundations. Tax-deductible contributions may be made by check (please indicate "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line) sent to USSYAA, P.O. Box 1798, Washington, DC 20013-1798.

Grants of up to \$500 are made available to deserving alumni to defray the costs of graduate and professional programs. Priority is given to those alumni pursuing careers in which earnings may not adequately reflect the individual's level of commitment and service to society..

USSYAA Web Site Links Alumni

– Dan Brown (MS, 1987)

Alumni can now update their contact information online. Just go to the USSYAA Web site at [<http://www.ussyaa.org>](http://www.ussyaa.org) and click on the Directory link on the left side of the page. To gain access, you'll need to enter your last name and delegate state/year. Simply search for your own record using any combination of search criteria. If anything needs to be updated, just click on the link at the bottom of the page.

This issue of the annual letter is being distributed electronically as well in print. If you did not receive it via email, please check the email address we have on file for you!

Alumni Invited to Increase Awareness of U.S. Senate Youth Program

– Michael Sundermeyer (MO, 1969)

This fall, USSYAA organized a small communication project in which alumni helped promote the Senate Youth Program in America's high schools. Coordinated by Leah McLean of the Hearst Foundations, the pilot project involved communication by alumni with high school administrators and students to introduce them to the Program or, in many cases, to remind them of the wonderful opportunities that the Program offers.

During the 2003 USSYAA Annual Meeting, we'll review the project and, assuming that the Hearst Foundations would like our assistance again, begin recruiting participants for promotional activity in the late spring, summer, and early fall of 2003. Most States choose delegates in September and October. We will explore starting an alumni communication process in April and May 2003, which is when many schools choose student leaders for the 2003-04 school year.

**Alumni Dinner 2003 to be held at Residence of Michael S. Sundermeyer
– Robert Middleton (DC, 1966)**

On Friday, February 28, 2003, the 2003 Annual Alumni Dinner for the United States Senate Youth Alumni Association will be held at the home of Michael S. Sundermeyer (MO, 1969), 2928 Livingston Street, NW, Washington, DC. Tickets for the event are \$50.00 per person. Michael, who serves on the Board of Directors as the Association's Liaison Officer with the United States Senate Youth Program, as well as with the William Randolph Hearst Foundations, is opening his home for a catered buffet dinner.

As a partner with the nationally known law firm of Williams and Connolly, Michael knows the importance of effective communication and looks forward to providing an environment in which many positive discussions may take place. He and his wife Susan Talarico look forward to welcoming alums beginning at 7:30 p.m. Alums should have plenty of time to discuss matters of interest and to renew old acquaintances.

Below are directions to the Sundermeyer home:

DIRECTIONS:

METRO: We are about three blocks from the Friendship Heights Metro Station on the Red Line. Take the Western Avenue exit out of the station. This exit is at the north end of the station. The escalator emerges at the corner of Western, Wisconsin Avenue, and Military Road. Once on Western Avenue, walk east (toward Connecticut Avenue). As you walk up Western Avenue to the east, Livingston Street will appear on the right. Livingston is the first street on the right after the big intersection of Western, Wisconsin, and Military. Turn right on Livingston and walk about 2.5 blocks. 3928 is on the right.

BY CAR FROM DOWNTOWN: Take Connecticut Avenue north about 5-6 miles. Take a left on Livingston. There is a Starbucks at the corner. Go up a block and a half to 3928 (on the left). If you get to Chevy Chase Circle, you have gone too far.

BY TAXI (or CAR) FROM NATIONAL AIRPORT: Tell the taxi driver you are going to upper Northwest in D.C. near 39th and Livingston. Tell him or her to take the Memorial Bridge to Rock Creek Parkway; to Massachusetts Avenue. Take a left on Massachusetts Avenue. Take a right on 34th Street, which is at the Vice President's house. Continue on 34th Street which will turn into Reno Road. Tell the driver to take Reno Road all the way north past Military Road (about 3 miles). After you pass Military Road, take a right on Livingston Street, which is the next stoplight after Military. Number 3928 is down a half block on the rights.

BY CAR FROM THE NORTH INCLUDING THE BELTWAY: Take Connecticut Avenue south from the Beltway. Go around Chevy Chase Circle and continue south on Connecticut. After the circle, go about four blocks further south on Connecticut to Livingston Street. There is a Starbucks at the corner. Turn right on Livingston. Go a block and a half to 3928 (on the left).

BY CAR FROM NORTHERN VIRGINIA: Take the Beltway west to River Road exit. Take River Road toward D.C. Turn left on Western Avenue. Take Western Avenue past Wisconsin Avenue. Continue on Western Avenue another long block to Livingston. Take a right on Livingston. Go down 2.5 blocks to 3928 on the right.

2003 Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, March 1st, at Williams and Connolly

Alumni will gather at the law offices of Williams & Connolly (725 12th Street, NW easily accessible by the G and 13th Street exits of the Metro Center Station on Metro's Red Line) for the fourth Annual Membership Meeting. Alumnus Michael Sundermeyer (MO, 1969) is a partner in the law firm. The meeting will begin promptly at 9 am and end before noon.

ALUMNI NEWS

Chad Robinson (DE, 2001) informed us that his life is staying very busy. He is currently a sophomore at Wesley College in Dover, Delaware pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science, employed by Senator Thomas R. Carper (D-DE) in his Georgetown, Delaware office as a staff assistant, and serving as president of his church's United Methodist Men chapter and as an assistant lay leader. However, Chad still finds time to spend with his family and friends. He looks forward to seeing everyone at Alumni Weekend.

Brian Kamoie (PA, 1989) is an Assistant Research Professor at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. After receiving his JD and MPH degrees at GWU, Brian practiced health law for 5 years and then returned to join the faculty in 2001. He enjoys teaching law and public health to law, medicine, and public health graduate students. He also conducts health policy research through GWU's Center for Health Services Research and Policy. In his "spare" time, he is pursuing a PhD in Political Science at GW. He can be reached at kamoie@gwu.edu and would love to hear from other alums (1989 or otherwise).

Erin Butler (FL, 1997) emailed to tell us that she graduated from the University of Florida in May 2000 and is now a second year law student at the College of William and Mary. Erin just accepted a summer associate position with an environmental law boutique firm in metropolitan Philadelphia. Erin thinks about and is interested in hearing from her fellow 1997 delegates; her address is 103-L Windsor Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Erin also gave us news of other USSYP alumni. **Carrie Shire (KS, 1997)** is in an International MBA program at the University of Denver this fall and is doing very

well. **Timothy Kogelmann (WY, 1997)** is serving in the US Navy (Norfolk, VA) aboard the USS Albany, a fast attack submarine.

Alan Aldinger (OH, 1977) indicates that he is assistant director of the news bureau at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). UPMC is the fifth largest health system in the United States and he deals with national and international news media on a daily basis as some of the most exciting research and clinical care occurs at UPMC. He asks for USSYAA members, especially those from the Class of 1977, to email him at <aaldinger@yahoo.com>.

Michael Buckley (MA, 1985) lives in Silver Spring, Maryland with his wife, Marianne, a daughter, Caitlin, and a son, Quinn. He is the communications director for the political and legislative programs of the AFL-CIO's Transportation Trades Department. Michael can be reached at <QuinnBuckley@yahoo.com>.

Craig Belanger (ME, 1996) has just completed a Master of Arts in history at the University of San Diego and moved back to Maine. His snail mail address is 101 Danforth Street #4, Portland, ME 04101, his email address is <cmbelang@alum.colby.edu>, and his phone number is (207) 775-2684.

Christian Weeks (NH, 1999) reports "After a rewarding summer working in Washington, DC (and the chance to catch up with a number of SYP '99 alums) my second year at Dartmouth is well under way. I will be taking courses at Dartmouth during our fall and winter terms before shipping out for Barcelona, Spain at the end of March. I will spend my spring term at the University of Barcelona and, to be sure, various other locales in Europe, before returning to Dartmouth in June for "sophomore summer" classes. I'll be in the market for an internship again next fall, perhaps in NYC this time around. If anyone has any leads in the fields of business and/or management drop me a line at <cweeks@dartmouth.edu>. Best wishes for the year ahead to all. Christian"

Kirby Lee (IN, 1993) wrote in to say that he graduated from Purdue University in 1997 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and has been working at pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly and Company. Since 1999, he has been serving as a patent agent in the Lilly legal division. Kirby is in his last year of the evening program at Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis. After graduation in May 2003, he'll be clerking for the Honorable Alan D. Lourie at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C.

Matt Herndon (MO, 1992) writes that he graduated from Truman State University, married a beautiful woman named Michele (one "l"), and began a career in Christian ministry. After working in campus ministry for a while, he now serves as a church-planter in St. Louis, MO. Matt has nearly completed his Masters of Divinity Work at Bethel Seminary, in St. Paul, MN.

Jacob DuMez (VT, 1994) indicates while in college at Princeton, he interned for Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT). After graduation with a degree in Politics he moved to New York City where he now serves as a program associate for the Hearst Foundations. He enjoys his work and greatly valued his USSYP experience.

Carol Frost (AK, 1975), professor of geology at the University of Wyoming, was the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Council for Advancement and Support of Education Wyoming Professor of the Year during the period December 2001 – November 2002.

Keith Ozaki (FL, 1980), associate professor of surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine, performs over 300 vascular surgeries each year, while also teaching students and residents and leading an active vascular biology research laboratory.

Nelson Patterson (PA, 1982) works in Seattle as director of corporate strategic marketing for SonoSite, the world leader in small, hand-carried ultrasound machines. He reports that he set his brother up on a date with the daughter of the (then) governor of Missouri and now his nephew is Attorney General John Ashcroft's only grandson. Nelson is married to Debra Moore Patterson, PhD, and they have two sons – John, aged 5, and Will who is 18 months old.

Last December, **Tom Holmes (MS, 1970)** received a two-year gubernatorial appointment as a citizen member of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Board for Geology. Tom retired from the US Navy with the rank of Commander.

Christine Drager (AK, '88) currently resides in Washington, D.C. and is Counsel on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. She spent the majority of her time this year working on formulating comprehensive energy legislation.

Karim Meijer (TX, 2001) is currently a Business Honors/Pre-Med student at the University of Texas at Austin. He also plays football for the Longhorns (free safety #39) and has a part-time job as a Peer Counselor on campus.

Norman Fortenberry (LA, 1979) was selected to be the founding director of the Center for the Advancement of Scholarship on Engineering Education at the National Academy of Engineering. He is looking forward to shaping the center's organization and implementing a vision of continuous improvement in engineering education through research on education.

Skinner Layne (AR, 2001) is currently attending the University of Arkansas while managing two State Senate campaigns.

Bradford Lee (HI, 2000) reports that he is greatly enjoying his Junior year at Harvard as a biochemistry concentrator and a member of the all-male *a capella*

group, the Harvard Din and Tonics. He's also serving on the advisory board for the newly founded Race, Culture, and Diversity Initiative which was founded this year to promote more dialogue in the undergraduate houses on issues concerning diversity. Brad still sees some USSYP pals around campus like **Chris Moffo (NJ, 2000)** and **Mai Anh Huynh (IN, 2000)**. He also sends much aloha to all the other 2000 USSYP alumni.

Father Leo Kosch (NE, 1985) is pastor of Presentation Catholic Church in Bellwood, NE, about 70 miles west of Omaha. He teaches 9th and 11th grade religion at Aquinas High School in David City, NE. May 22, 2003 will mark his 10th anniversary as a priest.

Jessica Gogarty (CO, 2000) wrote in to let us know that she is graduating from Southern Virginia University in April 2003, and, thus far, is the valedictorian of her class. She just received the honor of being named Miss SVU 2002-2003 which she describes as being like homecoming queen, except she also gets to be an ambassador for the school for the whole year. She is looking forward to working in that position this year.

Sean Farrell (MA, 1996) is currently finishing up his graduate work in applied political science at American University (AU). This fall, he is interning at the Congressional Research Service in the Library of Congress, while continuing his assistantship at AU's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. He anticipates receiving his master's degree at the conclusion of this semester, after which he hopes to find a job in politics, health care policy, or legislative affairs in the Washington area. He presently lives in downtown Washington, DC.

Rex Gale (NH, 1973) emailed that he is now living in Dallas, Texas with his lovely wife Susan and their children Ellen and Brien. Ellen is a senior in high school and is putting the finishing touches on her college essays. Brien is a high school freshman and runs cross-country track. For the past 12 years, Rex has worked as a consultant with Hewitt Associates in the business development and merger & acquisition arena. He let us know that The William Randolph Hearst Foundation's United States Senate Youth Program has always meant a great deal to him. He invites email at rexhgale@aol.com.

Peter Wolanin (DC, 1990) interrupted his vacation in Japan to let us know he completed his doctoral degree in physics in August 2000. His research area has been in biophysics and he's currently working as a post-doctoral fellow in the Molecular Biology department at Princeton University. We received his note on October 27th, and he indicated that at that time he was reflecting upon the loss of Sen. Paul Wellstone whom he regarded as a person of rare integrity and ethics.

Adam Causey (LA, 2001) is currently a sophomore at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He is pursuing a degree in mass communication with a concentration in journalism and writes for the campus paper, *The Reveille*. Adam

will be participating in the National Student Exchange, and will be attending California State University at Chico in the spring semester. He attended the USSYP Reunion in March of 2001 and had a great time visiting with members of his class and meeting alumni from previous years.

Kyle Klopcic (WI, 2001) emailed to let us know that he is currently a freshman at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has a paid job tutoring inner-city Boston kids in an after school program in the Boston Public Schools and volunteers as a tennis instructor to Boston Public Schools students. Kyle is also a staff person with Harvard Model Congress, which is a large simulation of the national government attended by high school students from all over the country.

Bonnie Smith (TN, 1993) is finishing her doctorate in English at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Her dissertation investigates how spiritual and economic matters align in contemporary literary practices. She is currently interviewing for faculty positions.

Joshua Roberts (TN, 2000) is engaged to Cristen Godley. They plan to be married on May 24, 2003.

Lynn Kitchings Bradshaw (MS, 1977) let us know that she is living in Texas where she has put her career as a CPA on hold to concentrate on her family. She has a 12-year-old son and a 9-year-old daughter. Her husband is a family physician. She would love to hear from folks; her email address is <lkb@grandecom.net>.

Robert Tinker (SC, 1980) is an assistant professor of history at California State University at Chico. He teaches Early Republic and Civil War era history classes. He is enjoying the West Coast, although his work schedule precludes much exploration.

Kela Lyons Fee (KY, 1983) graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in political science. She went on to medical school at the University of Louisville, completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology, and now practices in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Her husband Kirk is an orthopaedic surgeon. They have two boys—Alex and Baxter who will be aged 4 and 2, respectively when you get this letter. She recently met with Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to provide input on professional liability issues for physicians.

J. Cory Tull (DE, 2000) is currently a junior at Georgetown University with a major in political economy. He spent this past summer interning for Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE) on Capitol Hill. He's closely following Senate races across the country.

Gordon Fellows (MS, 2001) informs us that he is a student at the University of Mississippi where he serves in the student government cabinet and is a member of the forensics team.

Christopher Moffo (NJ, 2000) emailed that he is currently a junior at Harvard University where he is majoring in government and romance languages. This past summer he went on a 10-week, 20-country world tour with the *a capella* group, the Harvard Din and Tonics. He hopes to spend a large portion of next summer studying and working in Spain or Italy.

Joey Fehrman (NE, 2001) emailed to let us know that he is a sophomore majoring in computer science at the University of Pennsylvania. He informs us that he has a good balance of work and fun. He gave us his class list, mentioned that he had a work-study job, and then listed a long list of fun activities including road trips to New York City and Atlantic City, parties at his fraternity – Sigma Alpha Epsilon, club hopping, and campus activities including Model United Nations and Campus Crusade for Christ. He looks forward to hearing from USSYAA members; send him email at <jfehrman@seas.upenn.edu>.

Brandon Lucas (CA, 1988) wrote in to let us know that he's returned to the US, after ten years in Japan, to enter the University of Chicago's International MBA program. He's looking forward to transitioning from a career in consulting to one in finance. He indicates that he looks forward to contributing more to USSYAA in the future.

Glenn Aga (MN, 1987) graduated from American University in Washington, DC, and completed 8 years of distinguished service in the US Air Force as an intelligence officer. During that time, he deployed to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bosnia, and several other countries. His service included working as a special assistant to the Secretary of Defense, with later service at the National Reconnaissance Office. Glenn also served as a White House Military Social Aide during the Clinton Administration. After leaving the military in Washington, DC, Glenn headed for sunny southern California. Glenn currently manages a consulting practice for Oracle Corporation in Los Angeles focusing on space and intelligence programs. His wife Tina is a Marketing Manager with Verisign in Los Angeles. [See note below on Glenn and Tina's wedding.]

Constance Miller Britner (MI, 1966) wrote in to let us know that this is her thirty-third year of teaching high school English in the state of Michigan. She enjoys interacting with the teens in her classes and helping to excite young adults about learning. She received a grant to allow her students to use handheld personal digital assistants (PDAs) in authentic career projects. The use of technology is creating infectious excitement among her students. Constance is also the Career Prep Coordinator for her school district. Her responsibilities for this position involve budget oversight, evaluation of resources, and participation in county and state teacher professional development, and clarification of state standards and

benchmarks for student learning. She has also served as an evaluator of university teacher preparation programs for the state department of education.

ALUMNI LIFE TRANSITIONS (Weddings and Births)

Matt Herndon (MO, 1992) and his wife Michele just celebrated the birth of their second boy, Maxwell, who is now 6 months. Their oldest son, Mitchell, is two and a half years old. [See note above on what else is going on in Matt's life.]

Steven Rice (WY, 1985) let us know that the highlight of 2002 for his wife and he was the birth of Maria Helena Rice on September 15 in Washington, D.C. Father, mother and child are adjusting to their new life together and are very grateful for each new day as a family!

Glenn Aga (MN, 1987) was married to Tina Tucker, of Baltimore, MD, at an Oceanside ceremony in Palos Verdes, CA, on July 7th. The happy couple were joined by 200 guests from across the country and around the world. [See note above on what else is going on in Glenn's life.]

Georgie Boge Geraghty (WI, 1985) is home on maternity leave following the arrival of her daughter, Clara Maurine. Although Clara and her brother Sam, now 2, occupy much of Georgie's time, She continues to work at The Field Museum in Chicago where she is responsible for advancing a variety of environmental conservation initiatives in the Chicago region and beyond.

From the Editor's Desk

– Norman L. Fortenberry (LA, 1979)

We trust you have enjoyed reading this third edition of the United States Senate Youth Alumni Association holiday newsletter. Help us improve and expand future editions by providing news on your activities. Simply send an email to <communications_director@ussyaa.org>, or send a letter to the association's post office box in Washington, D.C. Your fellow alumni are eager to hear from you. Remember to update your contact information at <www.ussyaa.org>.

I wish to express my appreciation for all the pioneering work done by my predecessor Randy Brantley (NC, 1981) in setting up the content templates and addresses for this newsletter. He has made it much easier for me to perform this job than it was for him. I also wish to thank David Zavadsky (WI, 1990) for all of his work in getting the paper copies of this newsletter produced and mailed. Both Randy and David were of tremendous assistance in editing this edition of the newsletter.

All of us on the USSYAA Board of Directors wish you and yours Happy Holidays and a peaceful and prosperous 2003. We look forward to hearing from you!

REPLY FORM

**United States Senate Youth
Alumni Association**

Post Office Box 1798
Washington, D.C. 20013-1798
www.ussyaa.org

Name: _____

(please include last name as recognized by fellow delegates and current last name, if different)

State and Year of Participation: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Current Enrollment, Classification, Major, Expected Date of Graduation (for example, Duke University, sophomore, English, May 2004):

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Business or Campus Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Office or Campus Phone: _____

FAX: _____

I updated my contact information at www.ussyaa.org on _____ (indicate date of online update).

1. I/We plan to attend the alumni dinner on Friday, February 28, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Michael Sundermeyer's home, 2928 Livingston Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (If you are taking the Metro, the stop is Friendship Heights. Please follow the detailed directions included in the newsletter.)
Number attending _____ x \$ 50.00 each = \$ _____
(*advance payment is required by February 1, 2003)
2. I/We plan to attend the USSYAA annual membership meeting on Saturday, March 1, 2003, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the law offices of Williams & Connolly, 725 Twelfth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (If you are taking the Metro, the stop is Metro Center station. Use the 12th and G streets escalator.)
There is no cost for attendance. Number attending _____
3. I wish to participate in one of the mentoring tables during "Hospitality Day" at the Mayflower Hotel during the afternoon of Saturday, March 1, 2003. (If you are taking the Metro, the stop is Farragut North. Use the L Street escalator.) I prefer to assist with the following table (circle one):

Health Care

Business

Law

Education

Medicine

4. I/We wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to the ***Rosalie Wynn and George Randolph Hearst, Sr., Alumni Scholarship Fund***. * I/We have enclosed a check in the following amount:
\$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____
Other _____
5. Total amount of check made payable to "USSYAA" (dinner cost plus scholarship contribution)
\$ _____

****The scholarship fund is a project of the USSYAA and is not affiliated with nor endorsed by the William Randolph Hearst Foundations. A contribution to the fund is not required to participate in the events of alumni weekend.***