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A Special Message to Those Whose Delegate State and Year Do Not Appear on the Envelope

If the address block on the envelope in which you received this mailing does not have your USSYP state and year, then we're missing vital information about you! Please send a note via email to technology_director@ussyaa.org, or send a letter to the association's post office box in Washington, DC, indicating your name (including name when you were a USSYP delegate, if different), delegate year, delegate state, and your current address.

President's Message

Randy Brantley (NC 1981)

My name is Randy Brantley, and I represented North Carolina in the 1981 U.S. Senate Youth Program. While attending the program's Arrival Day in the late 1990s, I asked Mrs. George Randolph "Mom" Hearst, Sr., about the possibility of forming an alumni association. She immediately grabbed my arm and led me to Millicent Hearst Boudjakdji, a Hearst Foundation trustee, and asked me to share my thoughts with her. To be honest, I wanted to crawl under a rock, as I didn't expect to find myself lobbying for an alumni association at that level. After I completed my impromptu appeal to Mrs. Boudjakdji, Mom Hearst instructed me to contact two fellow alumni, John Blakley (MI 1976) and Wendy Peterson (WA 1978). In February 1999, I joined John, Wendy and the dozen or so other alumni who chartered USSYAA. In August of the same year, I had the privilege of visiting Mom Hearst's home in Palm Springs, California. Although she was unable to see guests that day, I will never forget the experience of sitting in her great room and listening to her personal assistant, Gladys Hundley, explain why Senate Youth Alumni are so special to Mrs. Hearst.

In March 2006, I took the reins as president of USSYAA. I have served as a director since USSYAA's inception. At the request of Mom Hearst and Gladys, I prepared the annual newsletter for two years before transferring that responsibility to the capable hands of succeeding communications directors. I also have helped with arrangements for the Friday evening alumni reception in Washington, DC. Each USSYAA director devotes significant time and effort to their positions. What motivates us? That's simple. We are driven by Mom Hearst's final request that we continue her legacy of facilitating communication among our impressive network of program alumni and provide educational assistance as resources permit.

I know that Mom Hearst would be pleased by our progress over the last seven years. John Blakley (MI 1976) served as founding president for the first five years; today he capably serves as treasurer. Working with Liaison Officer Michael Sundermeyer (MO 1969), John secured USSYAA's IRS non-profit tax status and District of Columbia charter. As a result, your gifts to USSYAA are tax deductible. John also has been a driving force behind website development and the appointment of regional directors. Bob Middleton (DC 1966) assumed the presidency from John in 2004, and provided a steady hand as USSYAA continued to grow, grooming a number of younger alumni for leadership positions. Should you have the opportunity, I hope you'll thank John and Bob for their years, and countless hours, of service.

Our March 2006 general membership meeting in Washington produced a number of exciting initiatives. The board appointed five regional directors: Erin Butler-Hess (FL 1997) South Region; Rachel Cook (OR 2000) West Region; Mehul Patel (NJ 1994) North Region; Chad Robinson (DE 2001) Central Region; and Jen Tutak (FL 1998) East Region. Realizing that not everyone can attend Alumni Weekend in Washington, the regional directors hope to organize gatherings in cities and on college campuses around the country. I hope that you received the August e-mail from your respective regional director seeking volunteers to host or plan an event in the future.

One of our young alumni, Erik Telford (CT 2002), led the charge to begin a long-range planning process. Based on alumni responses to his August email appeal, Erik, along with President-Elect Norman Fortenberry (LA 1979), will

present a proposed long-range plan at the March 3, 2007 USSYAA general membership meeting in Washington, DC. The long-range plan will shape USSYAA in such a way as to maximize the relevance and benefits to alumni.

Mom Hearst's legacy touched USSYAA in a very tangible way this year. In June, our alumni association received the first distribution from Mom Hearst's estate. Our treasurer, John Blakley (MI 1976), in consultation with a financial advisor, has invested the funds to maximize long-term earnings. Although Mom Hearst's bequest places USSYAA on a firmer financial footing, alumni cannot forget our part of the arrangement. Prior to Mom Hearst's death, we committed ourselves to matching her generosity with our personal gifts to the Rosalie Wynn and George Randolph Hearst, Sr., Scholarship Fund, as well as toward USSYAA's annual operating budget. Scholarship support is aimed at alumni pursuing their first graduate or professional degree. I encourage you to include USSYAA in your charitable giving plans.

Thanks to all of you who remain in touch with USSYAA, either by updating your contact information in the website database, sending updates for the annual newsletter, or by attending Alumni Weekend in Washington, DC I am amazed by the increased participation level since USSYAA was chartered seven years ago. In a sense, the alumni association is taking on a life of its own that will continue as long as there is a U.S. Senate Youth Program.

Last, but not least, I warmly welcome our newest alumni, the U.S. Senate Youth Program Class of 2006. I had the privilege of speaking to these bright and energetic students at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel on Arrival Day 2006. Spending a day with the newest class of delegates is both a vicarious experience and a reaffirmation of my belief that there always is hope for our nation's future. We look forward to reading about your progress over the next few years and hope to see you at future alumni gatherings in Washington and around the country.

USSYP Program Director Rita Almon Announces Retirement

Sean Farrell (MA 1996)

USSYP Program Director Rita Almon has announced her retirement, after 28 years of exemplary service. In publicizing Rita's retirement, Hearst Foundations Vice President and Western Director Paul "Dino" Dinovitz noted that she "has displayed incomparable passion and dedication to this very special program." Reflecting on her time with USSYP, Rita commented: "I can proudly say that, in all the many years with Hearst, there was never a single day that it was just a job."

The USSYAA would like to join with the Hearst Foundations in thanking Rita Almon for a job very well done, and in wishing her success in the next chapter of her life. She has been instrumental in making the USSYP an unforgettable life experience for thousands of delegates, and she will be greatly missed. Rita's retirement will be effective following the Program's 2007 Washington Week. Alumni who would like to contact Rita may do so via e-mail (ralmon@hearstfdn.org), or via postal mail:

Rita Almon, USSYP Program Director
William Randolph Hearst Foundation
90 New Montgomery Street, Suite 1212
San Francisco, CA 94105

Alumni Weekend Planning Underway

Randy Brantley (NC 1981)

Mark your calendar now and make plans to join fellow alumni in Washington, DC, March 2 - 3, 2007, for Alumni Weekend. Thanks to the efforts of alumna Sue Snediker Newman (OH 1979), the Friday evening networking reception will take place at the historic James Monroe House (2017 I Street NW), home of the Arts Club of Washington, DC. Sue is secretary general of FIABCI-USA, the International Real Estate Federation – USA Chapter, and she serves on the board with the president of the Arts Club. Thank you, Sue, for opening the door to The Monroe House!

To read about the venue's fascinating history, visit the Monroe House website at <http://artsclubofwashington.org/monroehouse.htm>. Join fellow alumni for an enjoyable evening of reminiscing and networking. Executive Chef V. Brennan Hurley will provide a scrumptious buffet for all to enjoy. The hours will be 6:30 PM until 10:30 PM. The cost is \$65 per person for regular alumni and their guests, and \$35 person for student-alumni and their guests. Dress is business attire. A take-along information sheet is enclosed for your convenience.

James T. Molloy, former doorkeeper of the U.S. House of Representatives and USSYAA Executive Director, has spearheaded efforts to schedule the association's general membership meeting on Capitol Hill. Thanks to Jim's contact with U.S. Senator Susan Collins (ME 1971) and her chief of staff, Steve Abbott (ME 1981), the meeting is planned for the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Hearing Room, 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building, on Saturday, March 3, 2007, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

There is no cost to attend the General Membership Meeting, and dress is business casual. When registering using the enclosed reply form, please include your name, address, and Social Security number, which we will provide to the Capitol Police in advance of the meeting. Also, be sure to include your e-mail address so that USSYAA can provide you updates on security arrangements for the meeting. Attendees will be required to show a government-issued photo ID before entering the building. Alumni are required to enter through the northwest door, at the corner of 1st and C Streets, NE.

After the General Membership meeting, alumni will proceed to the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel for the highlight of the weekend—welcoming the U.S. Senate Youth Program Class of 2007! Rita Almon, U.S. Senate Youth Program Director, has again asked USSYAA to staff career mentoring tables. Please see Michael Sundermeyer's (MO 1969) article below for further details. The 2007 USSYAA Alumni Weekend promises to be one of the most enjoyable and informative yet. Please check the USSYAA website periodically for updates on arrangements. We hope to see you in Washington!

John Spisak Recieves USSYAA Outstanding Service Award

Sean Farrell (MA 1996)

Longtime USSYAA friend and supporter John Spisak, the assistant treasurer and controller for The William Randolph Hearst Foundation and The Heart Foundation, Inc., was recognized on March 4, 2006 with the USSYAA Outstanding Service Award. John has been present at, or has facilitated, USSYP Washington Week functions, interacting with both delegates and alumni. He was a strong supporter of the creation of the USSYAA, sharing Rosalie "Mom" Hearst's vision of the value an alumni association to both former and current delegates.

John Spisak began his 32-year association with the Hearst Corporation in 1974, when he served as an accounting coordinator for Hearst Magazines. In 1975, John was charged with implementing the general ledger and all accounting functions for both Hearst Foundations, which had just been established as independent private foundations. Shortly thereafter, John assumed his current position as assistant treasurer and controller. He is a graduate of Pace University, with a BBA degree in accounting, and he received his financial management diploma from New York University. John has been married to his wife Maureen for 37 years, has a grown daughter and son, and enjoys spending time with his three grandsons.

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

This would be a great time for alumni to consider making donations to the Rosalie Wynn and George Randolph Hearst, Sr. Scholarship Fund. 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) and mailed to USSYAA, P.O. Box 1798, Washington, DC 20013-1798. Contributors are encouraged to explore whether employer matching contributions are available.

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. The application deadline for the next round of scholarships will be listed on the USSYAA website in spring 2007.

Senate Youth Family Mourns the Passing of Captain Edward Davis (USN, Ret.) and Arnold Sachs

Sean Farrell (MA 1996)

In the first week of November, 2006, we lost two special members of the USSYP family to cancer—Washington Week program leader Edward Davis and longtime program photographer Arnold Sachs.

Captain Edward Davis first served the program as Senior Escort Officer in 1982, and, in 2002, took over for the late Dr. Roy B. McKeown as program leader and all-around master of ceremonies for Washington Week. His character, leadership, and kindness served as a tremendous example to delegates, alumni, and others who had the chance to know him and witness his dedicated service.

By lending his photographic talents to the program for so many years, Arnold “Arnie” Sachs helped capture a lifetime of memories for thousands of delegates during their time at Washington Week. Arnie’s dedication to making Washington Week a special time for all delegates was evident in both his work and in his informal conversations, which often included memorable stories to delegates from his illustrious journalism career—one that included the famous photograph he took of President John F. Kennedy shaking hands with a high-school student named Bill Clinton.

Technology Director’s Report

Dan Brown (MS 1987)

The first mission of the USSYAA is "Building and maintaining avenues of communication among program alumni." The association's web site and email lists play a critical role in accomplishing that mission. However, as the association continues to grow in size and increase its level of activity, it is natural that we will outgrow our technology as well.

As a first step in the process of reassessing the role of our website and e-mail list, I would like to gather input from alumni regarding the roles you want the web site and e-mail lists to play. Feel free to e-mail me at technology_director@ussyaa.org at any time with ideas or suggestions. Some issues that you may want to consider are:

- Should the web site be just a repository for association documents and announcements or should it be more community-based?
- What do you want to hear from the association?
- What kind of information do you want to share with other alumni?
- Do you see the web site and email lists primarily as ways to keep in touch with classmates or as tools for networking? Is one use more important than the other or are both equally important?

Don't forget to keep us informed of any changes in your contact information. Just go to the web site, click on Alumni Area, then Directory. Log in with your last name, delegate year and state, and then click on “View Your Own Record.”

Meet the Board

Sean Farrell (MA 1996)

Each quarter, the board meets via teleconference to discuss matters pertinent to the ongoing operation of the association, and makes plans for the annual “Washington Weekend” that coincides with the arrival of the new class of U.S. Senate Youth Program delegates.

The USSYAA Board of Directors for 2006–2007 is...

President	Randy L. Brantley	NC 1981	Concord, NC
President-Elect	Norman L. Fortenberry	LA 1979	Silver Spring, MD
Vice-President	David Zavadsky	WI 1990	Madison, WI
Treasurer	John Selmon Blakley	MI 1976	Scarsdale, NY
Secretary	Casey Cashdollar	DE 2003	Lewes, DE
Parliamentarian	Andrew Bradley	IN 1996	Washington, DC
Liaison Officer	Michael S. Sundermeyer	MO 1969	Washington, DC

Alumni Programs Director	<i>Vacant</i>		
Technology Director	Dan Brown	MS 1987	Provincetown, MA
Communications Director	Sean Farrell	MA 1996	Odenton, MD
Central Regional Director	Chad Robinson	DE 2001	Greenwood, DE
Eastern Regional Director	Jen Tutak	FL 1998	New York, NY
Northern Regional Director	Mehul Patel	NJ 1994	New York, NY
Southern Regional Director	Erin Butler-Hess	FL 1997	Philadelphia, PA
Western Regional Director	Rachel Cook	OR 2000	Chevy Chase, MD
Immediate Past President	Robert R. Middleton	DC 1966	Silver Spring, MD

The board's annual meeting will be in Washington, DC, on March 3, 2007. All USSYAA members are invited and encouraged to attend!

Treasurer's Report

John Selmon Blakley (MI 1976)

USSYAA had revenues of \$207,034 and expenses of \$58,179, providing an ending balance of \$148,855, as of October 31, 2006. These figures are cumulative since the inception of the organization, and are not annualized.

Participation Increases for 2006 Alumni Weekend

Randy Brantley (NC 1981)

Over 60 alumni gathered in Washington, DC, on Welcome Weekend 2006 for an enjoyable and informative weekend of activities. Once again, Michael Sundermeyer (MO 1969) and his wife, Susan Talarico, graciously hosted alumni in their spacious Washington home for the traditional Friday evening reception. Alumni and guests enjoyed delicious food prepared by Bittersweet Catering. Michael and Susan have hosted the Friday reception on several occasions over the past seven years. Although alumni thoroughly enjoy the Sundermeyer and Talarico home, USSYAA President Randy Brantley (NC, 1981) vowed that Susan would be able to relax and enjoy a new reception venue in 2007.

On Saturday, alumni gathered in the board room of law firm Williams & Connolly for one of the largest general membership meetings to date. Immediate Past President Bob Middleton (DC 1966) presided over a full agenda. You may review the meeting minutes at www.ussyaa.org. One of the meeting highlights was Bob's presentation of the USSYAA Service Award to John P. Spisak, controller and assistant treasurer of the Hearst Foundations.

After the general membership meeting, alumni traveled to the Mayflower Hotel to welcome the Class of 2006 and staff alumni mentoring tables. A number of alumni participated for the first time, and throughout the afternoon, each table captain made a brief presentation to the entire room on education requirements, internships, and career trends. Thanks goes to Senate Youth Program Director Rita Almon and her staff for helping to recruit alumni for the tables. The turnout was the largest in seven years.

Washington Week Mentoring Project Again Greets Delegates

Michael Sundermeyer (MO 1969)

USSYAA alumni greeted the 2006 Senate Youth delegates when they arrived at the Mayflower last February. Alumni hosted mentoring tables where they discussed educational options and career paths for government service, law, business, journalism, teaching, military service, and medicine and public health. In addition, alumni discussed general higher education options. Each table made a short presentation, and alumni provided informal advice to delegates throughout the afternoon.

In 2007, the mentoring project will occur on the afternoon of March 3, Arrival Day for the 2007 program. Tables will organize in January. All of the above career and education areas are available. A committee for each area will develop literature, prepare a short presentation, and organize a schedule for informal discussions with delegates.

If you would like to participate in the mentoring project, please contact any USSYAA board member or e-mail Michael Sundermeyer at: msundermeyer@wc.com.

ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS OF 1975

Robert Lawrence (LA 1975) holds B.S. and MPA degrees from Louisiana State University, and currently serves as the Senior Policy Advisor on Energy Issues for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regional office in Dallas, Texas. Rob has served with the EPA for over 16 years, following a 10-year career with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

CLASS OF 1976

Darolyn Lendio Heim (HI 1976) has returned to government service as Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel for the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, after over 20 years in private law practice. The university's Board of Regents named her to the position effective September 1. Darolyn previously was a partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP in Honolulu, and she practiced primarily in the areas of civil litigation, land use, and governmental law. She sends warm wishes, "Aloha from Hawai'i!"

CLASS OF 1980

C. Keith Ozaki, M.D., F.A.C.S., (FL 1980) serves as an Associate Professor of Surgery at University of Florida College of Medicine, and as Chief of Surgical Service with the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System. His professional activities include NIH sponsored research, clinical vascular surgery, and hospital administration. He enjoys travel and outdoor activities with his wife and 9-year old son.

CLASS OF 1981

John Bickers [US Army, Ret.] (KY 1981) retired this past summer from the U.S. Army, after over two decades of service. He has already begun the next stage of his professional career, having accepted a position teaching law at the Chase College of Law of Northern Kentucky University. After a long military career, John and his family hope to put down roots for the first time. John has settled in a community just south of Cincinnati, where he roots on the city's baseball and football teams, the Reds and the Bengals. He sends his regards to all fellow alums.

CLASS OF 1982

Nelson Patterson (PA 1982) is the Global Director for Corporate Marketing at the medical device company SonoSite, which specializes in ultrasound technology. SonoSite's technology helps reduce fatalities on the front lines of U.S. military forces, improves the methods of detection and treatment of breast cancer, and helps prevent cardiovascular disease. After earning his MBA degree and working 11 years for Proctor & Gamble, Nelson never expected to end up in the medical field, but he finds his work professionally and personally rewarding.

CLASS OF 1983

On June 22, 2006, **Rawle Andrews (TX 1983)** was honored as Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by the District of Columbia Bar at its Annual Business Meeting and Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Washington-Capitol Hill. With over 83,000 members, the DC Bar is the second largest bar association in the nation. Rawle is chairman of the Washington, DC law firm Andrews & Bowe, PLLP, and he lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

CLASS OF 1984

Jennifer Tabola (NV 1984) recently relocated to Falls Church, Virginia, following a stint in the Peace Corps and a sojourn in the Midwest, where her two sons (Colter, 4, and Charlie, 2) were born. She has worked extensively with AmeriCorps on national service, and is preparing to re-enter the workforce full-time after a few years of consulting while staying at home with her boys. Now that she's returned to the Washington area, she's hopes to participate in USSYAA events!

CLASS OF 1985

Michael Buckley (MA 1985) works as the Communications Director for the AFL-CIO's Alliance for Retired Americans, a grassroots political action program. Michael lives in Silver Spring, Maryland with his wife, Marianne Quinn, and his two children, Quinn and Caitlin. He is active in local politics and coaches several youth sports teams.

Steven Rice (WY 1985) continues to live with his family in Algiers, where he works as the head of the political/economic section of the U.S. Embassy. His tour of duty will end next summer, but he awaits word on his next posting, which likely will keep him overseas. Steve is happy to announce the expected birth of his second child in late September (*as of press time, the new baby was still on the way!*). Mom, Dad, and big sister Maria (age 4) are looking forward to the arrival of the newest member of the Rice family!

Lisa Naaktgeboren (MN 1985) has made her career in Human Resources following her 1990 graduation from Cornell College with a degree in politics. She worked for several years in a recruiting role before transitioning to HR operations, training and communications; in the past year, she has served in a change management role supporting HR systems and web-based recruiting applications. Lisa writes that her daughters Erika (age 11) and Sabrina (age 9) are the joy of her life, and she lives with them in Arden Hills, Minnesota, with their springer spaniel, Oliver. Lisa and her girls enjoy taking trips to northern Minnesota in the summer, and spending time with her family. She currently serves as President-Elect for the Cornell College Alumni Board of Directors, on which she has served as a member since 2001, and she also serves on the Board of Directors and operating committee for North Central Camp Cherith.

CLASS OF 1987

Glenn Aga (MN 1987) has recently been named International Vice President of Good Harbor Consulting—a homeland security and counter-terrorism consulting firm headed by Richard A. Clarke, the former counter-terrorism coordinator for President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush. Glenn will lead the firm's international practice group and all intelligence-related consulting. He co-authored the book [Defeating the Jihadists: A Blueprint for Action](#), which was edited by Richard A. Clarke and published by the Century Foundation in New York City. Glenn and his wife Tina have a 3-year-old daughter, Alexandra, and are expecting their second child in March 2007. The family lives in Laguna Niguel, California, where Glenn serves as Public Safety Commissioner.

CLASS OF 1988

Gordon Hendry (IN 1988) began a new position earlier this year as interim President and CEO of The Indy Partnership—an 11-county economic development corporation based in central Indiana. He previously served for six years with Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, most recently as Director of Economic Development. Gordon is pleased to announce that he and his wife, Jennifer Wagner, were married on June 30 in Bloomington, Indiana. Jennifer is presently a law student and serves as communications director for the Indiana Democratic Party. She was formerly the city hall reporter for the Indianapolis Star newspaper.

CLASS OF 1989

Brian Kamoie (PA 1989) and his wife Laura welcomed their second child, Julia Grace, to the world on August 17, 2006! Brian, Laura, and big sister Cara are all doing very well! The Kamoie family now lives in Annapolis, Maryland.

CLASS OF 1990

Nathan J.A. Humphrey (CA 1990) is the assistant priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on K Street in Washington, DC. He and his wife Anne Stone, an editor at National Geographic, are expecting their first child in early January. Nathan would be pleased to visit with any DC area alums at St. Paul's. Feel free to drop him a line at Humphrey@stpauls-kst.com.

CLASS OF 1991

Lillian deValcourt-Ayala (LA 1991) is a member of the U.S. Foreign Service, and recently began a three-year posting in Rome, Italy as the Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Mission to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies. About Rome, Lillian states succinctly: “It’s a beautiful place to be.” During meetings at UN offices in Washington prior to her departure to Rome, Lillian reported that she happened to run into fellow alum **Chandini Bachman (AZ 1970)**, who now works with the UN Food and Agriculture Program.

CLASS OF 1992

John Blair (NM 1992) graduated from the University of New Mexico Law School in 2004. During this time there, he served as president of the student bar association. In his final year at UNM Law, John was the campaign manager for New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Edward L. Chávez. Justice Chávez was the only Democrat in the nation to be elected to a state supreme court in 2004. John spent a year clerking for Justice Chávez following the election, and he is now in private law practice in Albuquerque with the firm Sheehan, Sheehan, & Stelzner, P.A. He serves on the UNM Law School Alumni Board, as well as the Popejoy Hall Leadership Team, and he is very involved with the local affiliate of the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. John hopes to make it to Washington for the 2007 Alumni Weekend!

Phillip Martin (NC 1992) was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 2003, and he has been serving a congregation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the last three years. He and his wife Melinda are expecting the birth of their first child in early December!

Jeffrey Anderson (SC 1992) graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2000, earning both a J.D. and Master’s degree in history. Beginning in August 2000, Jeff worked on general litigation and appellate matters in the law firm Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP, located in Birmingham, Alabama. In January 2003, he moved back to his home town of Columbia, South Carolina to begin a clerkship in the office of Judge Dennis W. Shedd, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. Jeff clerked for Judge Shedd through August 2005, when he moved to Washington, DC to begin work that September as an associate in the appellate group of Winston & Strawn LLP.

Joshua Friedman (MA 1992) is working as an attorney in Boston with the firm Bernkipp Goodman LLP. Prior to taking this private practice position, Josh served for five years as an assistant district attorney in Massachusetts. He wishes everyone well!

Emily (Lambourn) Vesey (ND 1992) graduated from North Dakota State University in 1997 with a B.S. degree in Veterinary Technology, a B.S. degree in Agricultural Education, and a minor in Animal & Range Sciences. She lives and works on a ranch in the Badlands of Billings County, North Dakota, with her husband Joe. The couple recently added a member of their family, Arlo, who arrived on June 26, 2006! Emily and Joe have about 600 acres of farmland in northwestern North Dakota. In addition to her ranch work, Emily works as a substitute teacher, and is a member of the Billings County Fire Department and an EMT with Medora Ambulance. In the spring of 2007, she will be working her third season as a tax associate with H&R Block. She wishes everyone a wonderful USSYAA Welcome Weekend in 2007.

CLASS OF 1993

Ramon Esquivel (WA 1993) moved back to Washington state after 13 years living in New Haven, Connecticut, Washington, DC, and New York City. He is currently teaching English, history, and drama at Lakeside School in Seattle. Ramon would love to connect with other USSYAA folks who are involved in education and/or the arts. All interested alums are strongly encouraged to get in touch with Ramon at: ramon.esquivel@aya.yale.edu.

CLASS OF 1994

Jaime Harrison (SC 1994) was named earlier this year as the Executive Director of the U.S. House Democratic Caucus, working for the Chairman, Congressman James Clyburn (D-SC). Jaime was also named by ROLL CALL newspaper as one of the top staffers in Congress, in the feature article: “Roll Call Fabulous Fifty: The movers and shakers behind the scenes on Capitol Hill.” Jaime attributes his success in part to Congressman Clyburn, who is “not only a supervisor but also a good teacher and friend,” as well as to the support of friends and colleagues throughout his career. [*Ed. Note:* Just before the newsletter went to press, Congressman Clyburn was elected House Majority Whip. As a result, Jaime looks forward to a very exciting year following, in his words, “a historical transition.”].

Stephanie Dawson (OH 1994) sends along a quick update to let everyone know she will be finishing her studies at film school in the next couple of months, and will be returning to her home state of Ohio, where she hopes to build her own production company.

CLASS OF 1995

Earlier this year, **Robert Knodell (MO 1995)** started a new job as Chief of Staff to Speaker Pro Tem Carl Bearden in the Missouri State House of Representatives. Prior to joining the Speaker Pro Tem's office, Robert served as Chief of Staff and lead budget analyst for State Representative Allen Icet, the House Budget Committee Chairman. Robert currently resides in Jefferson City, Missouri, and encourages fellow alums to contact him at knodell@gmail.com.

Tony Hunter (KS 1995) sent a brief note to announce that he was sworn in as a member of the Kansas state bar on September 29, 2006!

Scott Boyle (ID 1995) spent a semester in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan as part of his college minor in Ancient Near Eastern Studies—an experience that expanded his interests in foreign policy and other cultures. He graduated in April 2001 from Brigham Young University with a B.S. degree in Biochemistry, and enrolled later that year in the molecular biophysics and biochemistry Ph.D. program at Yale University. Scott's research has focused on two molecules important for proper brain development, which have been implicated in a number of cancers. Despite his busy graduate student life, he met his wife Sarah Stratford, whom he married in 2004. Scott will defend his dissertation in November 2006, and thereafter he plans to move to Washington, DC to pursue a career in science policy.

CLASS OF 1996

Sean Farrell (MA 1996) is very happy to announce that he and his wife Samantha were married on October 28, 2006, at the First Unitarian Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Among the wedding guests were **Robert Middleton (DC 1966)** and his wife, Quinn. Sean works as a congressional relations specialist with the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress, and he is thrilled to have a job he loves. Samantha is a health communications intern at the National Cancer Institute, and expects to receive her Master of Health Science degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in May 2007. Sean and Samantha now reside in suburban Baltimore.

Andrew Cooper (NY 1996) is pleased to announce that he and his wife Jennifer were married on June 17, 2006, on the campus of Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where the couple first met. Andrew and Jennifer were happy to include two other alumni in their celebration, as **Dan Loss (CT 1996)** was a reader at the ceremony and **Christine Hernandez (DE 1996)** was a bridesmaid. Andrew and Jennifer now live in New York City.

CLASS OF 1997

Matthew Madden (MA 1997) is in his third year at the University of Virginia School of Law, where he is an articles editor on the Virginia Law Review. He enjoyed the pleasant surroundings of the university as an undergraduate, and that drew him back to the Charlottesville area, where he lives with his wife Trish and their dog, Fenway (yes, named after the famed ballpark!). Matt spent this past summer in Boston as a summer associate with the law firm Ropes & Gray, LLP. After he graduates in May, the family will be moving to Washington, DC, where Matt will serve as a judicial clerk in the chambers of DC Circuit Judge Stephen F. Williams.

Maxwell Anderson (CO 1997) married his wife Jessica in 2004, and the couple has moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where Max is beginning a joint graduate program at Harvard's Business School and the Kennedy School of Government. Max previously spent four years working in consulting and for a church in New York City. He has been in touch with alum **P.J. Kim (TN 1996)**, who graduated from the same joint program at Harvard. Max has also traveled to Swaziland twice with alum **Justin Browne (GA 1997)**, where they have worked with a non-governmental organization on issues of sustainable agricultural development.

CLASS OF 1998

Dana Green (NH 1998) writes with news about herself and fellow alumni **Jon Marguiles (NY 1998)** and **Travis Batty (KS 1998)**. Dana, Jon, and Travis have all ended up living in the New York City area, and are still close friends. Dana has just begun her studies at Columbia Law School, Jon serves as a consultant for the Winterberry Group, and Travis works as an associate at the law firm Sidley Austin LLP. Dana and Travis spent a vacation in Oaxaca, Mexico this past summer—just in time for the mass protests! As Dana put it, “[W]e UUSYP’ers know how to find the political action.”

Tarun Chhabra (LA 1998) is studying international relations as a Marshall Scholar at Oxford University. Following his 2002 graduation from Stanford University, he was a Fulbright Fellow in Russia, and worked for two years at the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

Jen Tutak (FL 1998) currently works for Citigroup in New York City, where she moved after obtaining her Master’s degree in Higher Education policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In the last several months, one of her more frequent visitors has been her USSYP roommate **Cara Dilts (AK 1998)**. Jen reports that, after Cara finished law school, she spent a year in Singapore before going back to work as an associate in the Washington, DC law firm Hogan & Hartson. Jen attended the 2006 USSYP Welcome day this past March, and enjoyed a reunion with fellow delegates **Houston Ruck (DE 1998)**, **Aaron Ling Johnson (HI 1998)**, and **Johnson Elugbadebo (IL 1998)**. Jen also was elected Eastern Regional Director for the USSYAA this past spring, and she looks forward to helping program alumni stay in touch. Please feel free to e-mail her at jen.tutak@alum.dartmouth.org.

CLASS OF 1999

Laura [Wilicki] Bruckmann (RI 1999) has recently relocated to Arlington, Virginia, and works as a private tutor & gymnastics instructor. She and her husband celebrated their two-year anniversary in October. USSYP introduced her to Washington and was very influential in her choice to attend Georgetown University. Laura has chosen to become a lifelong resident of the Washington area in part because of the magical experiences she had during Washington Week, and she hopes to attend future USSYAA events in the city.

Jake Rodenbiker (ND 1999) graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in May, and in August, he began his professional career as a criminal prosecutor with the Miami-Dade County State Attorney’s Office in Florida.

Geoff Swenson (MT 1999) graduated in 2003 from Grinnell College, and spent the succeeding two years in Washington, DC—first as a junior fellow with the Democracy Project at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, then as a member of the global political party development team at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. In 2005, Geoff earned his M.A. degree in comparative ethnic conflict from Queen’s University Belfast, as a George Mitchell Scholar. He’s presently in his first year at Stanford Law School, and would love to hear from any Bay-area alums.

Kevin McAdam (CO 1999) graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Boston College, with a B.A. in International Studies, in 2004. Subsequently, he completed a degree in Poverty and Development Studies from Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago, Chile, under the auspices of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. A redacted version of his thesis, “The Human Right to Water: Market Allocations and Subsistence in a World of Scarcity,” was published in November 2005 by *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*. He is currently applying to law schools for admission in the Fall 2007 semester.

Amy Reagan (NV 1999) recently earned an MSc degree in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics & Political Science, and she is currently working at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. In between her undergraduate and graduate school programs, Amy had the opportunity to work in China and spend several months studying in South America. She has kept in touch with fellow delegate **Kevin McAdam (CO 1999)**, and would like to reconnect with others!

CLASS OF 2000

Crystal Ann (Koen) Symanski (OR 2000) and her husband Steven are very excited to report that they welcomed their first child, Addison Amelia Szymanski, into the world on July 12, 2006!

In August 2006, **Robert Goodspeed (ME 2000)** began the Master of Community Planning graduate program at the University of Maryland’s School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. Previously, he worked as a research historian for History Associates Incorporated—a historical research consulting company based in Rockville, Maryland.

Jim Davis Hull (MS 2000) recently started a new business, a marketing company involved with event promotions, planning, mobile marketing, and mobile advertising. He invites alumni to visit his website: www.stingit.net. Jim is working primarily with the entertainment industry, but is looking to expand the company's reach. He has been doing a lot of traveling across the U.S. for business and pleasure over the last year. Jim reports that, thankfully, everyone in his immediate family has recovered from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Katherine Maeve Goff (NC 2000) serves as a Senior Legislative Aide to the North Carolina House Republican Caucus. She was recently appointed to serve on the Executive Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures, Leadership Staff Section. Katherine graduated from Wake Forest University in 2004, and soon afterwards assumed a staff leadership role in the North Carolina General Assembly. She lives in the city of Raleigh, where she volunteers with a variety of community service organizations.

Michael Jackson (GA 2000) recently relocated from Washington, DC to Los Angeles, California, where he has joined the inaugural class of the University of Southern California's Master's in Public Diplomacy program. Feel free to drop Mike a note at: m_t_jackson@yahoo.com.

Sam Hamilton (OH 2000) is in his second year at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He spent this past summer as a legal intern with Speaker Jon Husted of the Ohio House of Representatives, where he worked on a wide range of legal and policy issues. Next summer, Sam will be a summer associate at the law firm Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He hopes all is well with his USSYP pals.

CLASS OF 2001

Adam Kealoha Causey (LA 2001) graduated from Louisiana State University in December 2005. He worked at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* as the newspaper's first Chips Quinn Scholar and intern from January to April of 2006, when he transitioned into his first full-time journalism position as the crime reporter for *The Times* in Shreveport, Louisiana. Outside of work, Adam tries to enjoy the slow pace of life in his hometown of Doyline. His grandmother, who recently turned 90, lives there, and he tries to spend time picking up on her wisdom, and occasionally her cooking skills. Adam's parents also live nearby, and "we've had a blast sort of getting to know each other again as adults." He spends a lot of time daydreaming (or plotting) about his next visit to his extended 'ohana (family) in Hawai'i.

Gordon Fellows (MS 2001) graduated this past May from the Croft Institute for International Studies at the University of Mississippi, after serving as Associated Student Body President, and studying language, economics and politics in Beijing during the Fall 2005 semester. In April 2006, Gordon was hired as China Country Upholstery Manager for Lane Furniture Industries, and he moved to Shanghai, China in July. He's interested in connecting with any alums that happen to pass through the Shanghai area.

In May 2006, **Sara Lonardo (RI 2001)** graduated cum laude from Wheaton College in Massachusetts. She was immediately hired as a field organizer by the Rhode Island Democratic Party, where she worked with fellow USSYP alum **Gabriel Amo (RI 2005)** on the U.S. Senate campaign of Sheldon Whitehouse. Sara lives in Providence, Rhode Island, but hopes that will change with a favorable outcome in the November elections! She may pursue a communications position on a 2008 political campaign, but for now, she's taking things one election at a time, and welcomes any wise counsel from other alums!

Keevan Kenichi Matsumoto (HI 2001) has been working as a Human Resource Management Associate with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i since his graduation from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. While his work isn't directly related to the political realm, he is still active in politics in Hawaii. For the 2006 election cycle, he is volunteering with the re-election campaign of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka, and with the U.S. House campaign of former Lt. Governor Mazie Hirono. Keevan is now working on his Master's degree in Human Resources, and recently passed his PHR certification. "Aloha to my fellow 2001 alumni!"

CLASS OF 2002

Lauren Crawford (WA 2002) just graduated from the University of San Diego, and has started a job in Washington, DC with an educational non-profit organization—The Fund for American Studies. In this position, Lauren will be coordinating programs for internships and educational programs for Georgetown University. Now that she's in the DC area, she looks forward to being involved in future USSYAA events!

Christine Thomas (MN 2002) graduated from Yale University this past May, with a degree in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry. She has since returned to her home state to begin classes at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Christine loves living in Minneapolis, and hopes to fit some international travel into her school breaks over the next couple of years. She may even incorporate into that travel some clinical rotations in India. If any fellow 2002 alums pass through Minneapolis, please look Christine up!

Ross Mankuta (NY 2002) has been named a Presidential Administrative Fellow (PAF) at The George Washington University, from which he graduated this past May with a B.A. in Political Science. As Presidential Administrative Fellow, Ross will work to make an enduring impact on the GW community and beyond through active participation in community service & university events, ambassadorial attendance at functions, involvement in professional & personal development activities, and the development of meaningful relationships with students, faculty, administrators, and alumni of the GW community. Ross will be working within the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, while studying for his master's degree in higher education administration, and he is very excited to remain in Washington & looks forward to attending future USSYP events.

Taylor Heyen (MN 2002) graduated from Boston College this past May, and is now working as a consulting analyst for Accenture, in the company's Boston office. Taylor's senior year at BC included an alternative spring break service trip to New Orleans, and an Easter weekend visit to Tijuana, Mexico. This past year has been a whirlwind, and she is still absorbing the fact that her USSYP class is already graduating college. She is hoping to visit Washington for next year's USSYAA Annual Dinner, and would love to hear from other 2002 alumni who may be planning to attend as well! Please e-mail her at: taylorheyen@gmail.com.

Ashley Roberts (WY 2002) is a senior at Yale University, working to finish her B.A. in Environmental Studies, and she is preparing for a Master's program at the Yale Forestry School. Ashley is also enrolled in the university's teacher prep program, and she plans to get her secondary education general science certification after student-teaching in the fall of 2007. She had two great internships over the summer in Sheridan, Wyoming, where she studied the effects of coal bed methane discharge water upon soil and vegetation. She has found her research fascinating and informative, and is excited about combining her interests in the environment & education in her future studies and professional career.

Trevor Ivey (SC 2002) is presently immersed in his student teaching experience at an elementary school in Sumter, South Carolina, through his program at the University of South Carolina. He will be graduating this December with a B.A. in Elementary Education, and has been accepted into the Peace Corps, with a departure due just after the winter holidays. Trevor does not yet know his country assignment, but he does know that he will be teaching English as a foreign language to middle-school students. He cannot think of a more rewarding career for himself than education, and is confident of a future role in the political arena. Trevor is very thankful to the Hearst Foundation for providing him with his first real insight into the federal government.

Erica Schlaikjer (MD 2002) is in her senior year at Northwestern University, majoring in journalism and international studies. Last year, she interned at *Shanghai Talk*, an English-language city-living magazine in Shanghai, China. During her time abroad, she researched the internet and modern Chinese youth culture, thanks to the Eric Lund Global Research and Reporting Grant. This past spring, Erica interned at *The Chicago Reporter*, an investigative bi-monthly publication covering race and poverty in Chicago. She is applying for a Fulbright scholarship to study aboriginal culture in Taiwan next year.

David Leiberan (NY 2002) graduated in May from Yale University with a degree in Cognitive Science, along with a certification to teach general science at the secondary school level. He is looking forward to applying the lessons of his undergraduate research on cognition in monkeys to his high school classroom curriculum. David is presently living in New York City, where he works for a consulting firm.

CLASS OF 2003

Casey Cashdollar (DE 2003) is in her senior year at the University of Delaware, and she will graduate with a triple major in International Relations, European History, and Spanish Studies. She has traveled to Ireland often over the past year, and feels very comfortable calling it her second home—particularly the city of Cork. After her graduation in May, Casey hopes to take a year off from her current job at the Department of Defense to return to Ireland and pursue a Master's degree. She has particularly enjoyed her life adventures in the past year, and has created many wonderful new memories.

Brendan Groves (KS 2003) is a senior at Pepperdine University this fall. In August, as a fellow with the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, he traveled to Israel and the West Bank during the Middle East conflict with Lebanon. Brendan has been named a Truman Scholar, and recently interned with the U.S. Department of Justice as part of this program. He will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force following graduation in the spring of 2007. Brendan is also applying to Harvard, Yale, and Georgetown law schools this fall, and he's interested in connecting with any alums who have attended these law schools.

James Tobyne (MN 2003) has spend the last several months retracing Marco Polo's journey in China, and has found that traveling the Silk Road from western China to Beijing is still a difficult journey. He has "lived in yurts with Kazaks, in vineyards with Uigurs, and spent time listening to the Lamas in a lamasery on the Tibetan Plateau." He has also had the opportunity to traverse the Gobi Desert on a camel. James is spending the remainder of his trip in Beijing studying the Chinese language and trying to better understand Sino-U.S. economic relations.

CLASS OF 2004

Laura Phillipe Larson (ND 2004) is enjoying her junior year at Georgetown University, with a major in psychology and a minor in theology. She is active with many campus organizations, including Psi Chi (National Honor Society for Psychology), the *Georgetown Federalist*, the Protestant Student Leadership Team, GU's "Active Minds," Students Stopping the Trafficking of People, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, College Republicans, GU's Transcendental Meditation Association, and GU's Chamber Music orchestra. Through Georgetown's "Research Opportunities" program, Laura is presently researching the topic "Picturing the Spiritual: A Phenomenological Approach." Laura loves the USSYP, and is sad to report that she will not be able to attend next year's Welcome Day, as she will be studying abroad in Fiesole, Italy.

Anna Phillips (CA 2004) recently took a year off from college to coordinate a program called "Girls Kick It!"—a soccer program she designed for young girls in Northern Uganda, which has suffered from a twenty year civil war. For many participants, who are often at risk for abduction, Anna's program is their only activity outside their homes. The teams practice six days a week, and Anna's program serves as a great source of camaraderie and enjoyment among the participants.

Erin Potrzebowski (IN 2004) is a student at Purdue University, pursuing her degree in mechanical engineering. Staying true to her USSYP roots, she will also graduate with minors in political science and history. At Purdue, Erin is active in the "Engineering Ambassadors" program and is a co-founder of a freshman retention program called "Habari Gani Menta." Erin is also in a cooperative education program, which means she alternates semesters between classes and full-time work. Her co-op position is with NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where she is training to be a space shuttle flight controller in the Mission Control center. If any alums are in the Houston area, please look Erin up!

CLASS OF 2005

Thomas Leeper (MN 2005) is studying abroad in Toledo, Spain through December 2006. While completing his Spanish Studies minor abroad, he has taken advantage of the opportunity to intern at Los Cortes de Castilla-La Mancha, which is the regional parliament for the Spanish province of Toledo. He wishes his USSYP peers well!

Suchita Shah (WI 2005) is in her sophomore year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is majoring in neurobiology and is beginning the process of applying to medical school, but retains her passion for politics & government. Since January 2006, she has worked on the gubernatorial re-election campaign of Jim Doyle, during which time she has personally staffed Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton, learned about grassroots organizing, and come to understand more about the demands of an intense campaign. Suchita is the vice-chair of the College Democrats chapter at her school, and is leading a charge to organize and energize her campus for the 2006 mid-term elections. Combining her interests in politics and health care, she plans to pursue a career in medicine & public health policy.

From the Editor's Desk

Sean Farrell (MA 1996)

The 2006 annual newsletter is the first I have edited as Communications Director for the USSYAA, and the experience has been immensely satisfying. I am but the most recent keeper of a trust that Mom Hearst passed on to the USSYAA, and I would especially like to recognize my predecessor David Zavadsky (WI 1990), now the USSYAA Vice President, for all of his help in transitioning me into my new role.

I've enjoyed corresponding with alumni from many states and regions as they told me their stories, which I have been delighted to assemble and share with everyone, along with the always-exciting news about the association, the Senate Youth Program, and the Welcome Week activities planned for March 2-3, 2007. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the USSYAA, and I look forward to working with the rest of our very talented board members to keep Program alumni connected in the months and years to come. Cheers!



**UNITED STATES
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Alumni Weekend 2007 Calendar of Events

Alumni Dinner and Reception

When: Friday, March 2, 2007
6:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Where: The James Monroe House
Arts Club of Washington
2017 I Street NW
Washington, DC
Metro: Farragut West (Blue/Orange)
Farragut North (Red)

See www.artsclubofwashington.org
for venue information and directions

Cost: \$35.00 Students
\$65.00 Regular Members

Dress: Business attire

Membership Meeting

When: Saturday, March 3, 2007
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Homeland Security Governmental
Affairs Committee Room
342 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC
Enter at 1st and C Streets, NE
Metro: Union Station (Red)
Capitol South (Blue/Orange)

Dress: Business casual

Notes: Government-issued photo
identification required

Arrival Day and Mentoring Tables

Sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst
Foundation and US Senate Youth Program

When: Saturday, March 3, 2007
Afternoon and Early Evening

Where: Renaissance Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC
Metro: Farragut North

2007 Alumni Reply Form

Your Name _____ Name as Delegate (if Different) _____

Delegate State _____ Delegate Year _____

I updated my contact information online on ___/___/_____

Please update my information with the following:

Mailing Address Home Office Campus _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail Address _____

Preferred Telephone Number Home Office Campus Mobile _____

Yes, I plan to attend the alumni dinner

Number of Student Members _____ x \$35.00 = _____

Number of Regular Members _____ x \$65.00 = _____

Yes, I plan to attend the annual membership meeting

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

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Current home address is required. Please provide information above.

Yes, I would like to participate at the following mentoring
table on Arrival Day:

- Government Business Law
 Health Care Journalism Education
 College

Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the
**Rosalie Wynn and George Randolph Hearst, Sr., Alumni
Scholarship Fund.***

- \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100
 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other _____

Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible unrestricted
contribution to the **United States Senate Youth Alumni
Association.***

- \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100
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USSYAA
PO Box 1798
Washington, DC 20013-1798

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