



Annual Letter 2010

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United States Senate Youth Alumni Association

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United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Alumni Network

President's Message

David Zavadsky (WI 1990), USSYAA President

When I became president of the association on March 6, 2010, I was riding a wave of success that was built by our four previous presidents. As you might imagine, the pressure was on—following events in which we honored **Brian Kamoie** and **Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor**, the 2010 annual meeting was packed with alumni eager to help the association grow. After that meeting I vowed to hold on to the excitement felt by our members and translate it into positive action. To me, that means continuing the organization's transformation from an inward-looking group with a shared experience to a broad network of engaged members that encourages and rewards the best in civic life.

For 2011, I am pleased to announce that former **Senator Bob Dole** has accepted the Board's nomination for the second Rosalie Wynn Hearst Distinguished Public Service Award. The Senator's contributions to public service and to politics are legendary, and we are very excited to honor his lifelong achievements at our annual dinner on March 4, 2011. We will again be holding our alumni weekend events at the Phoenix Park Hotel, located across the street from Union Station in downtown Washington. Make your reservations now—the Phoenix Park is holding a block of rooms for \$139/night until February 10. See the attached reply form for hotel contact information and group rate details. We will be posting updates on www.ussyaa.org and sending information via e-mail as the dates draw nearer.

While our annual Alumni Weekend in Washington is the signature event for the association, we're also working diligently to bring USSYAA events closer to the members. For 2011, we have dates set for regional events in **Boston** (January 21) and **New York** (January 24), and we are in the initial planning stages for a gathering in the Midwest. Intended as small to medium-sized gatherings, the regional events will bring alumni together in a casual, social atmosphere, at minimal cost to the members who choose to attend.

In addition to our expanding events calendar, the board has also been focused on awarding scholarships for graduate studies. This year, we extended the scholarship deadline to December 15 to promote additional applications; as we move forward, we plan to offer a greater number of scholarships and rework the application process so that it aligns more closely with the academic calendar.

Finally, I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to all alumni who responded to our recent appeal for donations. The confidence you have shown in your alumni association translates directly to new programs and initiatives, and gives us the opportunity to do all of the things I've outlined above. Please, consider keeping USSYAA on your annual donation list. What excites me about our organization is our potential to do great works on a broad scale, and your continued support helps to make that possible.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you in 2011!

The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor Receives the Rosalie Wynn Hearst Distinguished Public Service Award

Marc Langston (KS 2004), Communications Director



Pictured: U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins and Chief Judge Robert H. Henry present the Rosalie Wynn Hearst Distinguished Public Service Award to the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor. *Photo by Don Tanguilig.*

Sandra Day O'Connor, former Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, personally accepted the Inaugural Rosalie Wynn Hearst Distinguished Public Service Award at the 12th Annual United States Senate Youth Alumni Association (USSYAA) Reception and Dinner on Friday, March 5th, 2010.

“Justice O'Connor's unparalleled career in state, federal and international public service makes her most deserving of the Rosalie Wynn Hearst Distinguished Public Service Award,” said Chief Judge Robert H. Henry of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals who, along with U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins (R-ME), introduced Ms. O'Connor at the dinner. Both Collins and Henry are alumni of the United States Senate Youth Program class of 1971.

“Justice O'Connor represents an independence of thought and a devotion to the principles of law that speaks to the best elements of public service. Her selection to the Supreme Court inspired millions of Americans, including the many alumni of the United States Senate Youth Program. We are deeply honored and proud that Justice O'Connor accepted our inaugural Distinguished Public Service Award,” said outgoing USSYAA President Norman Fortenberry, USSYP Alumnus, Class of 1979.

The Rosalie Wynn Hearst Distinguished Public Service Award is named for the late Rosalie Wynn Hearst, who became a second mother to 3,848 high school juniors and seniors participating as Delegates in the USSYP for almost 40 years. USSYAA was formed in 1999 to continue "Mom" Hearst's personal involvement with Delegates. It is dedicated to building and maintaining avenues of communication among alumni, providing financial assistance for the professional educational needs of alumni, and supporting the USSYP.

Jennifer Tutak (FL 1998) Awarded the Rosalie Wynn & George Randolph Hearst, Sr. Alumni Scholarship

Rawle Andrews (TX 1983), Vice-President & Marc Langston (KS 2004), Communications Director



Pictured: From Left to Right, Cara Marie Dilts (AK 1998), Rawle Andrews (TX 1983), Jennifer Tutak (FL 1998), and David Zavadsky (WI 1990). *Photo by Don Tanguilig.*

On Saturday, March 6th, 2010, The United States Senate Youth Alumni Association awarded the Rosalie Wynn & George Randolph Hearst, Sr. Alumni Scholarship to Ms. Jennifer Tutak (FL 1998). Ms. Tutak will receive \$1,000 toward her graduate studies at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management.

"Jen Tutak's high level of integrity, strong academic record, and consistent litany of professional achievements on and off the mainland make her a most worthy recipient of this year's scholarship," said USSYAA Vice President and 2006-2010 Scholarship Committee Chair Rawle Andrews Jr., Esq., USSYP Alumnus, Class of 1983. "Jen will be formally recognized by the USSYAA as the 2009-2010 scholarship recipient at its Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on March, 4th 2011," continued Andrews.

Ms. Tutak graduated from Dartmouth College in 2002, completed her graduate program in education at Harvard University in 2005, and attended the USSYP as a Florida Delegate from Clearwater High School in 1998.

The Rosalie Wynn & George Randolph Hearst, Sr. Alumni Scholarship is available to all former USSYP Delegates enrolled in a graduate/professional degree program. Special preference is given to Doctoral candidates and those in advanced standing in their programs. For more information about scholarship eligibility or USSYAA, please visit www.ussyaa.org. The deadline for this year's applicants has been extended to Dec. 15th, 2010.

Brian Kamoie (PA 1989) Awarded USSYAA Outstanding Public Service Award

Marc Langston (KS 2004), Communications Director



Pictured: From Left to Right, Brian Kamoie (PA 1989) and Norman Fortenberry (LA 1979). *Photo by Don Tanguilig.*

On Friday, March 5th, 2010, the United States Senate Youth Alumni Association awarded the USSYAA Outstanding Public Service Award to Mr. Brian Kamoie (PA 1989). Mr. Kamoie serves as Senior Director for Preparedness Policy on the White House National Security Staff, and previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and Director of the Office of Policy, Strategic Planning & Communications at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. His commitment to public service is only matched by his previous service as an educator.

Mr. Kamoie facilitated policy discussions with Delegates of the United States Senate Youth Program during multiple program years. His tenure as an Associate Professor of Health Policy and Health Services Management and Leadership at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, where he taught classes in public health law, health services law, and homeland security and public health policy, enriched Program Delegates' overall educational experience in enhancing their exposure to such critical areas of public policy.

New York City Alumni Reception

Suchita Shah (WI 2005), Parliamentarian

Register now for the New York City Alumni Reception! **Monday, January 24, 2011**, 6:30-8:30pm. After a lovely event at the Hearst Tower in midtown New York City in 2009, with almost 50 alumni of all ages in attendance, the USSYAA will be returning to this magnificent location for another reception. The reception will be held on the spectacular 44th floor of the Hearst Tower, an architectural masterpiece located on 8th Avenue between 56th and 57th streets.

The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres and beverages, mingling and reminiscing, in this exclusive top-floor venue with unparalleled views of Central Park and the New York skyline. Suggested dress is business casual. Guests are welcome, and it is only \$15 per person to attend.

Register online at www.ussyaa.org by Thursday, January 20, 2011 to join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening. Contact Suchita Shah (WI 2005), USSYAA Parliamentarian, at parliamentarian@ussyaa.org with any questions.

We would like to thank The William Randolph Hearst Foundations for their generosity in hosting this event in this magnificent venue.

Boston Alumni Reception

Andrew Bonderud (TN 2001), Eastern Regional Director

On the evening of **Friday, January 21, 2011**, 7:30p-10:30pm, USSYAA will be hosting a regional “get-together” at the Tennis and Racquet Club of Boston, located in Back Bay. There will be a cash bar with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Additionally, there will be plenty of Mexican hors d’oeuvres provided by the Cactus Club Restaurant. Tickets will cost just \$15, and include the cost of food and of the venue. Attendance will be limited to 50; so, if you are interested, please register online at www.ussyaa.org as soon as possible to reserve a ticket for you and a guest! Suggested dress is business casual. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect and network with fellow Senate Youth New Englanders. We look forward to seeing you there!

Treasurer’s Report

John Selmon Blakley, Sr. (MI 1976), Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair

The assets of the USSYAA are basically invested in a portfolio consisting of Certificates of Deposits and Mutual Funds. The cumulative rate of return since inception is 7.47%, the one year annualized rate of return to 10/31/2010 is 3.52%.

Contributions for the calendar year ending 10/31/2010 is \$4,005, the General Fund \$3,460 and the Scholarship Fund \$545. The Scholarship Fund now has a total of \$12,000 for distribution.

Technology Director’s Report

Dan Brown (MS 1987), Technology Director

Our biggest technology-related accomplishment in the past year has been working with the USSYP to institute a data-sharing plan so that updates to our database are shared easily with them and vice versa. In the process, we also completed our long-running project to make sure we have records in our database for each of the almost 5,000 USSYP alumni.

The first mission of the USSYAA is building and maintaining avenues of communication among program alumni. The association's technology, including the website and e-mail lists, plays a critical role in accomplishing that mission. We can't communicate with you, however, if we don't have accurate contact information. Please take a moment to help us keep our records up to date. Just go to the website, click “Alumni Area,” and then click “Directory.” You may log in with your e-mail address and password. If you have not established your password, or have forgotten it, you may retrieve it via email by clicking the “I don't know my password” link. If you're not sure what email address to use, send an email to technology_director@ussyaa.org and we'll take care of updating your information.

Liaison Officer Report

Chad Robinson (DE 2001), Liaison Officer

Last year, with the help of other board members, we were able to honor Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (Retired) at our Annual Alumni Dinner. It was a great deal of fun working with the many details of her acceptance of our Rosalie Wynn Hearst Distinguished Public Service Award.

As Liaison Officer, I encourage your participation in the annual Mentoring Tables, which take place on Arrival Day for the new delegates. You will be hearing from me in the near future regarding this event. Please consider participating by sharing your knowledge with the newest members of the USSYP family. I can assure you that it will be equally as rewarding for you, as it is for them. I am excited for 2011, as it is truly an honor to work with such an amazing group of talented and dedicated individuals. I know the future of this organization is bright! The possibilities are endless for what we may accomplish, but it all begins with alumni who are willing to make a difference.

Meet the Board

Marc Langston (KS 2004), Communications Director

At the 2010 Annual General Membership Meeting, held at the Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington, DC on March 6, 2010, the USSYAA Board of Directors added several new faces and said goodbye to several old friends.

Joining us on the Board are Suchita Shah (WI 2005) as Parliamentarian, Ash Bhumbra (WV 2004) as Alumni Programs Director, Marc Langston (KS 2004) as Communications Director, Janelle Kuroda (HI 1997) as Central Regional Director, Andrew Bonderud (TN 2001) as Eastern Regional Director, Monike Santana (ME 2008) as Southern Regional Director, and Fernando Saldivar (CA 1994) as Western Regional Director.

We appreciate the service and dedication of those leaving the Board, including: Sean Farrell (MA 1996), Paul Biedlingmaier (PA 2007), Shannon Gallagher (IL 1988), Mehul Patel (NJ 1994), James A. Brown (CO 2008), Cara Dilts (AK 1998), and Randy L. Brantley (NC 1981). Norman L. Fortenberry (LA 1979) will serve as Immediate Past President, an advisory non-voting member of the USSYAA Board of Directors.

The current members of the USSYAA Board of Directors are:

President	David Zavadsky	WI 1990
President-Elect	Rachel Lowe	OR 2000
Vice-President	Rawle Andrews	TX 1983
Treasurer	John Selmon Blakley, Sr.	MI 1976
Secretary	Jennifer Tutak	FL 1998
Parliamentarian	Suchita Shah	WI 2005
Liaison Officer	Chad Robinson	DE 2001
Alumni Programs Director	Ash Bhumbra	WV 2004
Technology Director	Dan Brown	MS 1987
Communications Director	Marc Langston	KS 2004
Central Regional Director	Janelle Kuroda	HI 1997
Eastern Regional Director	Andrew Bonderud	TN 2001
Northern Regional Director	Andrew Bradley	IN 1996
Southern Regional Director	Monike Santana	ME 2008
Western Regional Director	Fernando Saldivar	CA 1994
Immediate Past President	Norman Fortenberry	LA 1979
Executive Director	Michael Sundermeyer	MO 1969
Executive Director Emeritus	Jim Molloy	
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Mailing List Housekeeping

David Zavadsky (WI 2010), USSYAA President

If you received this newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service and you're an alumnus of the program, check to see if your state and year is printed above your name. If it's not, then we don't have your e-mail address on file—and that means you'll run into difficulty if you try to use our web portal at www.ussyaa.org. See Dan Brown's Technology Director's Report for help if you need to update your e-mail address with the Association.

Alumni News

Class of 1967

Lenna Baranoff Kottke (OK 1967) and **Jon F. Kottke (NM 1967)** met as United States Senate Youth Program Delegates in 1967 and had a week long mini-romance as they toured Washington D.C. under the watchful eyes of their Marine guards. The Kottkes both attended Stanford University, married in 1970, graduated in 1971, and moved to Boulder, CO where Jon earned his J.D. from the University of Colorado. Jon is an attorney in private practice, and Lenna is an Executive Director of a community transit agency serving older adults and people with disabilities. They have two grown children, a son Chris who graduated with a Ph.D. in math from Massachusetts Institute of Technology last spring and now teaches AP Calculus at Brown University, and a daughter Larisa who graduated from Boston University in 2007 and recently moved to Hartford, CT where she is considering furthering her education in a graduate program in Public or Non-Profit Administration. The Kottkes are very active in their community, engaged in a variety of local causes, and have a wonderful life together, all made possible because of the United States Senate Youth Program and the generosity of the Hearst family. They would like to share that they corresponded with Rosalie "Mom" Hearst for years and "will always have a spot in our hearts for her and the program that gave us such an amazing opportunity. It was truly a life-changing experience!"

Class of 1985

Steven Christopher Rice (WY 1985) accepted a new Foreign Service assignment as Deputy Director of Defense Trade Controls at the Department of State in Washington, DC. He, his wife and three daughters now reside in Virginia after spending six years in the Middle East and North Africa.

Class of 1988

Gordon A. Hendry (IN 1988) transferred to Washington, DC from Indianapolis with commercial real estate firm CB Richard Ellis when his wife, Jennifer Wagner, joined the Obama administration in 2009. Their almost 3-year old daughter, Alexandra, loves visiting the National Zoo, monuments, museums and parks. Gordon was recently appointed by Virginia Governor McDonnell to a task force to help identify efficiencies in government, including real estate.

Gordon recently visited with **Scott Evan Shapiro (WA 1988)** in Washington, DC, who is operating his real estate development company, Eagle Rock Ventures located in Seattle, W.A. Gordon looks forward to connecting with other USSYP alumni in the DC area.

Class of 1990

Nathan Humphrey (CA 1990) and his wife Anne Stone just finished a major renovation of their D.C. home in time for its 100th birthday. Nathan was promoted to Vicar of St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Washington, D.C. in June and is serving on the Search Committee for the next bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. He is also the scholar-in-residence and program director of the fellows-in-residence program at St. Paul's: <http://www.stpauls-kst.com/fellows-in-residence>

Class of 1992

Kerri McGowan Lowrey (RI 1992) graduated from Brown University in 1996, graduated from law school in 1999, and completed her post-doctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute. As part of that fellowship, Kerri received a Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in 2001. Currently, Kerri is employed at the University of Maryland School of Law, serving as Senior Staff Attorney for the Public Health Law Network, Eastern Region. The Public Health Law Network is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and provides legal technical assistance to public health professionals, state and local health departments. For more information please visit www.publichealthlawnetwork.org. Kerri is happily married with two children, Morgan, age 9, and Jake, age 6 and recently reconnected with **Johanna Joy Halosz (NJ 1992)** and **Courtney Klug Feldt (OR 1992)** via facebook.

Class of 1993

Cory Gardner (CO 1993) successfully unseated incumbent Democratic Congresswoman Betsy Markey, to become the next U.S. Congressional Representative for Colorado's 4th District. Congressman-Elect Gardner, previously represented Colorado's 63rd District in the state's legislature, where he served as House Minority Whip.

Class of 1995

Joy Lynn Blanchard (LA 1995) recently relocated to Miami to take a position as Assistant Professor of Higher Education at Florida International University. She holds an Honors baccalaureate from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, a Master's degree from Florida State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. She would love to reconnect with any USSYP alums that are in the South Florida area! Joy_Blanchard@hotmail.com

Class of 1997

Maxwell Frederick Anderson (CO 1997) and his wife Jessica are expecting their second child this December. They live in New York City. After graduating with masters degrees in business and public administration from Harvard University in 2009, Max launched "The MBA Oath," an initiative to create a Hippocratic oath for business managers. The oath challenges business leaders to conduct themselves with high standards of integrity and transparency. Max published a book, *The MBA Oath with Portfolio* this year and is happy to announce that the oath has been signed by MBA graduates from more than 300 business schools around the world.

Class of 1998

Laura Owen Bourdon (ND 1998) married another North Dakota native in December 2009. Last summer, Laura participated in "35 Under 35," a highly selective women's leadership program designed to mobilize the caring power of women, energize and inspire young women to make a difference, and deepen leadership opportunities in the community. Laura enjoys the challenges in her work as marketing manager for a construction equipment dealership, particularly as the company continues to expand to new locations throughout the midwest and Canada.

Tarun Chhabra (LA 1998) returned to the place where she and her husband, Aliza Hapgood Watters, first met, in order to marry last August. They also held a wedding reception in Shreveport, Louisiana, where **Daniel Matthew Weeks (NH 2001)**, **Adam Kealoha Causey (LA 2001)**, and **Andrew Mark Abreo (LA 2004)** joined in the celebration.

Class of 1999

William Brian Casebolt (TX 1999) after running a small North Texas company specializing in distressed assets for Fannie Mae and other financial institutions, headed to The Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College to obtain an MBA. Currently William is in his second year at Tuck, where he was recently named a 2010 Point Foundation Scholarship Recipient.

Britt 'Carter' Fisk (NM 1999) married her husband, Jeremy Fisk, last June and recently gave birth to their son, Carter Thomas Fisk. They are currently raising beef cattle on their family ranch in northern New Mexico.

Shannon (Scow) Dayton (NV 1999) finished her master's degree in education last year and is currently teaching math and English at Green Valley High School. Shannon looks forward to summer vacation when she is able to stay home with her four lovely children!

Rebecca Jean McCumbers (WV 1999) married Patrick Flavin at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame on July 31, 2010. They were both were Ph.D. students in the department of Political Science. **Brian Edward Blanchard (OH 1999)** attended the wedding. Rebecca and her husband Pat reside in Waco, TX, where both are on faculty at Baylor University.

Class of 2000

Mitchel Todd Keller (ND 2000) earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from the Georgia Institute of Technology in May 2010. Mitch is spending the 2010/11 and 2011/12 academic years as a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Mathematics at the London School of Economics, supported by a Marshall Sherfield.

Rachel Lowe (OR 2000) married Gregory Lowe in a beautiful outdoor ceremony in the Glen Garden in Fredericksburg, VA in October. **Robert R. Middleton (DC 1966)** and **Chad Robinson (DE 2001)** joined in the celebration.

Class of 2001

Rory McGovern (MA 2001) while serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army's 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Brigade, was featured in the White House's West Wing Week: "Dispatches from Iraq." Cpt. McGovern assisted with training Iraqi federal police commandos in advanced urban raid tactical procedures. He is featured in a 57 second segment from 05:15 to 06:13 on the White House Blog video <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/09/03/west-wing-week-dispatches-iraq>

Chad Robinson (DE 2001) graduated from Wilmington University with a Master of Public Administration in May 2010. Chad currently works for Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn of Delaware, serving as his Legislative Assistant. Chad enjoys the honor of working with the legislators from across Delaware to help the people of his great state.

Adam Kealoha Causey (LA 2001) enjoyed chance encounters with four of his fellow Delegates. **Eli Levin-Epstein Zigas (DC 2001)** let Adam "crash" on his couch during a July visit to San Francisco, CA. A few days later, Adam reunited with **Aaron Yen Tang (OH 2001)** at a restaurant in Santa Cruz, CA. In October, **Daniel Matthew Weeks (NH 2001)** stayed at Adam's home in Shreveport, LA, when he came in town for a wedding. At one of the nuptial events, Dan and Adam fortunately bumped into **Katie Elizabeth Clark (AL 2001)**. Adam hopes the 2011 Annual Alumni Dinner will serve to facilitate a ten-year reunion for the Class of 2001.

Class of 2002

Ross D. Mankuta (NY 2002) accepted a job as Associate Director of College Counseling at Milken Community High School in Los Angeles, CA after working four years in undergraduate college admissions at George Washington University in Washington, DC and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA. Ross is always interested in re-connecting with USSYP alumni and hope to see many of you in the coming months!

Cezary Paul Podkul (IL 2002) will be graduating from Columbia University's Journalism School in May 2011, upon completing the school's training program for investigative journalists. The program provided Cezary with an opportunity to investigate deceptive marketing practices in the student loan industry and wasteful government spending. He hopes to use his skills acquired through the Journalism School to find a job as an investigative reporter at a national media outlet.

Class of 2003

Jena Marie Roche (FL 2003) was recently engaged to Martin Arzac and will most likely be married in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2012. Jena completed a very interesting and exciting first year at SAC Capital Advisors engaged in Investor Relations/Hedge Fund Capital Raising. She also teaches yoga classes regularly in New York City, and welcomes reconnecting with all the Alumni if anyone is in the area and wants to grab coffee/dinner.

Class of 2004

Andrew J.C. Cunningham (VT 2004) received the Marshall Scholarship and moved from Kenya to Oxford pursuing a graduate degree in International Comparative Education. Andrew will continue supporting a girls school in Kenya, WISER, as its Co-Founder.

Class of 2005

Kaitlin Saranda Spak (CA 2005) completed her B.S. in mechanical engineering at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, (Cal Poly) last year, and she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech).

Katherine E. Rada (IN 2005) graduated from Indiana University, successfully defending and presenting a thesis in Political Science on fiscal federalism. Katherine and her husband married this past April and are living in Qatar, where she is working as the Writing Center Coordinator for Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Katherine is also a part-time research assistant at the Center for International and Regional Studies.

William Haun (CT 2005) is in his second year of law school at the Catholic University of America. After reconnecting with fellow USSYAA members at the Annual Alumni Dinner with Justice O'Connor last March, Will spent the summer working for a Maryland State's Attorney. He was also selected to be a staff member on The Catholic University Law Review (where he has an article being considered for publication) and an executive editor on The Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy. This rare honor for a non-Harvard Law student accompanied a fun job working with a federal judge during this fall, and Will's selection to work in the Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office next semester. Will is already excited for next summer, where he is looking to work for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. He gets a fair amount of chances to travel, but would love to meet up with more alumni in the Washington DC area!

Julie Michelle Markham (CO 2005) recently graduated from the University of Denver in June with an MBA, Masters in Real Estate and Construction Management, BSBA Finance/Real Estate and a minor in Leadership Studies. Julie also received the USA Today First Team All Academic Award (which is awarded to only 20 undergraduate students across the nation). You may follow this link to read the article:

<http://www.facebook.com/l/0b559291kvHyLTeitwS3OCaT54A>; www.usatoday.com/news/education/2010-06-09-AllUSA09_CV_N.htm

Katelyn G. Baldwin (AK 2005) graduated from Stanford University in 2009 with a B.A. in International Relations. Katelyn then embarked on a remarkable journey overseas where she studied Swahili for three months and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, spent three months running a self-sustainable tropical island retreat in Bocas del Toro, Panama, and spent six months living in Israel and producing live performances of a world music group called the Idan Raichel Project. After the year abroad, Katelyn returned home to Wasilla, Alaska where she regrouped for a few months. In early fall 2010, Katelyn relocated to Washington, DC, to begin working at Chemonics International, a global development consulting firm that manages USAID projects around the globe.

Thomas John Leeper (MN 2005) is currently a Ph.D. candidate in political science at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Thomas is conducting research on the influence of the mass media in public opinion formation and change, including on issues such as the Patriot Act and health care reform. He is currently working on a dissertation that uses laboratory and survey experiments to understand how variations in individuals' political information environment and various psychological factors cause them to hold opinions that vary in extremity and intensity over time.

Class of 2006

Kaitlin Irvine (WV 2006) graduated from Dickinson College in May 2010 with a degree in anthropology and now works for the National College Advising Corps, Keystone Region as the college counselor in a rural PA high school, working to promote a college-going culture. She's planning on attending Alumni Weekend 2011 to celebrate 5 years since her Washington Week and to catch up with all her friends!

Class of 2007

Samuel S. Inman (ME 2007) completed an internship with a government consulting firm in Washington D.C. He returned to Saint Anselm College for his senior year, where he was elected Chief of Staff for the Student Government Association. Sam is also a Student Ambassador for the New Hampshire Institute of Politics and was campaigning for New Hampshire Governor John Lynch's re-election.

Paul P. Biedlingmaier, III (PA 2007) is currently a mathematics and economics major at Georgetown University. Paul was selected to participate in the Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JSPM) Fellowship Program and was placed with the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, during the summer of 2010. The JPSM Fellows Program seeks to attract highly qualified individuals with quantitative backgrounds and interest in survey statistics for paid summer internships within one of the fifteen supporting statistical agencies of the federal government. Fellows are housed together in Washington, D.C., participate in a weekly course introducing them to survey methodology, and attend visits to the federal statistical agencies.

Zoe Teague (AR 2007) will begin teaching high school math in St. Louis, MO in Fall 2011, as a selected participant in Teach for America.

Class of 2008

Monica Colette Cutler (ID 2008) is currently attending Boise State University in Boise, Idaho, where she is engaged in college speech and debate. Monica recently enjoyed a rendezvous with **James W. Dennis III (MS 2008)** at a national debate tournament. As a full-time student, she continues enjoying college, her friends, and occasionally sleeps.

Adam Ryan Smith (KS 2008) is a third-year student at the University of Kansas, studying Atmospheric Science with a minor in mathematics. When Adam is not working on numerical analysis or atmospheric dynamics, he is involved on campus as a peer advisor at the University Advising Center, an officer with the Student Ambassadors organization, chairperson of the New Student Orientation Student Advisory Board, Outreach Chair of the Student Senate Elections Commission, committee member of the University Orientation Advisory Board, and an active member of the KU chapter of the American Meteorological Society and University Honors Program. Adam plans to attend graduate school for a degree in Higher Education in order to continue working as an advisor or admissions counselor, with a unique interest in College Student Development and Student Affairs.

Zephania N'shea Smith (CA 2008) is currently located in sunny Southern California at Claremont McKenna College studying Government with a Leadership Sequence. She wishes to invite alumni to attend two events she is currently involved with planning, the 42nd IMAGE Awards in Hollywood on March 4th, 2011 and the 102nd National Convention in Los Angeles in July, 2011. In February of 2010, Zephania was sworn in to the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. Since last year, Zephania traveled abroad to Egypt, Paris, and Prague with school related activities; and next year she will spend semesters in London, Geneva, and Tunisia. Throughout her travels she hopes to encounter other alumni and will remain true to her trademark Red, White, and Blue.

Class of 2010

Grace Elizabeth Keating (RI 2010) was recently selected as a Student Ambassador for the New Hampshire Institute of Politics while enrolled in her second month of Political Science studies at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. Grace is staffing events featuring prominent political speakers and is excited to be a part of the Institute as they host debates for New Hampshire elections and the upcoming Presidential Primaries.

Kerra Anne Cissne (KS 2010) was surprised to learn that one of her fellow residents in Watkins Scholarship Hall at the University of Kansas is **Sarah LeeAnn Greenup (KS 2007)**. The girls in amazement of their chance encounter, immediately began gushing about their experiences in the program.

Markus Batchelor (DC 2010) received favorable news coverage regarding his service as Youth Mayor of D.C.
<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local-beat/Meet-the-Future-Mayor-102261804.html>

From the Editor's Desk

Marc Langston (KS 2004), Communications Director

This is my first year serving as Communications Director, and I cannot express the fulfillment of connecting with so many wonderful alumni over the past few months. We all share a remarkable experience, although each one unique, there is something special about the membership of this organization which transcends a collective interest in politics and government. I hope after reading our annual letter, you continue to support and participate in our fellowship.

An electronic version of this newsletter may be retrieved online at <http://ussyaa.org/news>



**UNITED STATES
SENATE YOUTH
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Alumni Weekend 2011 Calendar of Events

Host Hotel Information

Where: Phoenix Park Hotel
520 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC

Metro: Union Station (Red)

Rooms: \$139.00 per night single/double
Rate available for 3/3/11 to 3/6/11
Rate available until 2/10/11

*Use group code 15199 or mention
US Senate Youth Alumni Association*

Website: www.PhoenixParkHotel.com
Phone: 800-824-5419 / 202-638-6900

Salute to Public Service Reception

When: Friday, March 4, 2011
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Where: Phoenix Park Hotel

Cost: \$25.00 per person
Please register by February 15, 2011.

Dress: Business attire

Alumni Reception and Dinner

When: Friday, March 4, 2011
6:30 pm reception
7:30 pm dinner

Where: Phoenix Park Hotel

Cost: \$40.00 Young Alumni*
\$70.00 Regular Members
\$120.00 General Public (limited quantity)

Please register by February 15, 2011.

**Young Alumni are those who participated in
program year 2005 or later.*

Dress: Business attire

Membership Meeting

When: Saturday, March 5, 2011
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Where: Phoenix Park Hotel

Dress: Business casual

Arrival Day and Mentoring Tables

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

When: Saturday, March 5, 2011
Starting at 2:30 pm

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

2011 Alumni Reply Form

Save a stamp: register, pay, or donate securely at ussyaa.org!

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 Salute to Public Service Reception**
Number of Attendees _____ x \$25.00 = _____
- Yes, I plan to attend the Alumni Reception and Dinner**
Young Alumni & Guests _____ x \$40.00 = _____
Regular Members & Guests _____ x \$70.00 = _____
General Public _____ x \$120.00 = _____
___ Beef ___ Fish ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian
Please indicate the number of each type of entrée requested.
- Yes, I plan to attend the annual Membership Meeting**
There is no cost for attendance.
- Yes, I would like to participate at the following mentoring
table on Arrival Day:**
 Government Business College Law
 Health Care Journalism Education
- 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 *USSYAA General Fund.****
 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100
 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please detach and mail with your check (if applicable) to:

USSYAA, PO Box 1798, Washington, DC 20013-1798

*Checks should be made payable to **USSYAA**. Please investigate whether a matching contribution from your employer is possible. A contribution to the USSYAA or its scholarship fund is not required to participate in the events of alumni weekend. The scholarship fund is a project of the USSYAA and is not affiliated with nor endorsed by the William Randolph Hearst Foundations.