

## Former First Lady, Laura Bush, Coming to Hobbs Spring, 2011



Former First Lady  
Laura Bush

Mrs. Laura Bush is the next scheduled speaker for the Jack Maddox Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture will take place on **March 29, 2011**, at Tydings Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are FREE, but limited to SIX PER PERSON. You may reserve your tickets today by contacting Laurie Dean at 575-492-2108. Tickets will be available in Jan., 2011.

Mrs. Bush is actively involved in issues of national and global concern, with a particular emphasis on education, health care and human rights.

As First Lady, Mrs. Bush made an historic trip to Afghanistan in 2005 and witnessed firsthand the progress achieved by the Afghan people after the fall of the Taliban regime. She visited the Women's Teacher Training Institute in Kabul, which is training women to lead classrooms that girls were once forbidden to enter. She met with President Hamid Karzai and expressed America's continued support for Afghanistan's new democracy, which ensures equal rights for women and men. Mrs. Bush's involvement in Afghanistan began in 2001, when

she delivered the weekly presidential radio address to call attention to the plight of women and children suffering under the Taliban.

A former teacher and librarian, Mrs. Bush convened in 2001 a Summit on Early Childhood Cognitive Development, providing a forum for prominent scholars and educators to share research on the best ways for parents and caregivers to prepare children for lifelong learning. She is an enthusiastic proponent of teacher recruitment programs such as Teach for America, The New Teacher Project and Troops to Teachers.

As the leader of former President George W. Bush's *Helping America's Youth initiative*, Mrs. Bush has listened closely to the concerns of young people, parents and community leaders throughout the country. She draws attention to proven programs that help children avoid such risky behaviors as drug and alcohol use, early sexual activity and violence, and highlights the need for a caring adult role model in every child's life.

In September 2001, Mrs. Bush joined the Library of Congress to launch the first National Book Festival. The Festival has grown each year, drawing more than 120,000 book-lovers from across the nation to Washington, D.C. in 2008. In 1995 Mrs. Bush established the Texas Book Festival, and it continues to thrive today. In 2006 Mrs. Bush hosted leaders from around the world for the White House Conference on Advancing Global Literacy, showcasing successful, culturally aware literacy programs from a diversity of countries. Her leadership of this effort led to her current role as Honorary Ambassador for the United Nations Literacy Decade.

Mrs. Bush is an advocate for women's health and has been an active participant in campaigns to raise awareness of breast cancer and heart disease, both in the U.S. and around the world. She partnered with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in *The Heart Truth* campaign and the Red Dress project. And she traveled to Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Panama to help launch international partnerships for breast cancer awareness and research in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

A hiking and camping enthusiast and strong supporter of our national parks, Mrs. Bush has spotlighted the glories and needs of the parks through her many visits as First Lady. As Honorary Chair of the National Park Foundation, she has worked to promote the Junior Ranger program to encourage children to become active stewards of our national parks. And she has helped start Preserve America, a national initiative to protect our cultural and natural heritage.

Laura Bush was born in Midland, Texas, to Harold and Jenna Welch. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Southern Methodist University and a master's degree in library science from the University of Texas. She taught in public schools in Dallas, Houston and Austin and worked as a public school librarian. In 1977, she met and married George Walker Bush. They are the parents of twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna and son-in-law, Henry Hager.



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The mission of *The Mustang* is to share with the alumni and friends of USW news and happenings regarding the University and each other.

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## USW Alumni Association Honors Alumni



Front Row: Jonathan Sena, last year's recipient of the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award and Hobbs city commissioner; Heather Evans, Judy Hanna, and Laurie Dean, USW's director of alumni relations. Back Row: Brad Moser, VP for USW enrollment services; Bob Reid, executive director for the J. F. Maddox Foundation; Bill Trice, Hanna's brother; Shannon Bostick-Bennett, Judy Hinshaw, Dorothy Runnels, and Judy Long.

University of the Southwest's Alumni Association named recipients for its annual alumni awards. Awards were presented during half-time of the first Mustang home basketball game on Nov. 13, 2010.

**Judy Hanna** of Hobbs was selected to receive the Alumni Association's most prestigious award, the *Alumna of the Year*. The current publisher of the Hobbs News Sun, Hanna graduated *cum laude* from University of the Southwest with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in 1995 and in 2005 she earned her Master's of Science in education administration.

Hanna started her career as a television and radio newscaster for several local stations. She then worked in the public schools and was a grant writer before starting her own local newspaper in 2006, the *Lea County Tribune*. She also served as a marketing consultant and coordinator of such events as the 2003 and 2007 Hobbs August Nites Car Show, the National Parade for Education and the 1980 Press Secretary U.S. Congressional Campaign. Hanna has been published in several magazines, including *American School Board Journal*, *Executive Educator National Magazine* and

the *National Association for Secondary Principals Magazine*.

Hanna has received many awards, including the Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women and Lea County Outstanding Women, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award, the State of New Mexico Jefferson Award for Community Service, the U.S. Congressional Award of Merit, the Secretary of State Award of Nobility, the Associated Press Outstanding Coverage Award and the Jaycees Award for Outstanding Woman of Hobbs.

Hanna is a member of First United Methodist Church, the Roadrunner Antique Auto Club, Antique Automobile Club of America and the National Enrichment Facility Partnership Committee. She was married to the late Larry Hanna for 15 years and has one son and two grandchildren.

**Heather Evans** was named as the 2010 *Distinguished Young Alumna*. This award is presented to a young alumna whose achievements in his or her profession or chosen field and service to the community set a standard of excellence worthy of recognition. The award recipient's character is a reflection of the University's values and mission and he or she demonstrates service and commitment to USW. Evans received her Bachelor of Science in elementary and secondary education from University of the Southwest in 2001.

Evans received her Master's of Arts in English in 2007 from Eastern New Mexico University. She taught sixth grade at Edison Elementary in Hobbs from 2001-2006, as well as teaching several classes as an adjunct professor at NMJC. Evans has served as a member of the USW Board of Trustees since 2001, and is currently on the Student Enrollment and Marketing committee. She is married to James and has two children.

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### Congratulations

- Kristopher Otto '02** (BA-English), was selected to receive the New Mexico Association of Supervision and Curriculum Excellence in Education Award. Otto has been teaching at Springer High School since 2004 and was nominated for the award by his principal.
- Michael Chavez '96** (BS - Psychology) and '99 (MS - Counseling), was appointed as the new Dean of Enrollment Management of Midland College in Midland, TX. Chavez held the position of Director of Counseling and Dean of Education Support Services at St. Philip's College in San Antonio, TX, before starting his Midland College position in June, 2010.
- Mark Hinshaw '91** (BAS - Engineering and Social Science) was named as the new Chief of Police for Lubbock ISD in June, 2010.
- Meredith Brunson**, former marketing student, was promoted to marketing coordinator / human resources representative for Pettigrew & Associates, P.A., where she has been employed since 2008.
- Debra Hicks**, member of the University of the Southwest Board of Trustees, has been elected to serve on the Leadership New Mexico 2010-2011 Board of Directors for a second term.
- Aline Sims**, friend of the University, was named 2010 Lea County Pioneer for Eunice.
- Monty Newman**, former member of the USW Board of Trustees, will serve as chairman of the NM Republican Party for the next two years.
- Jennifer Sheller '08** (MSE - Curriculum & Instruction), has been hired as the new executive director of the non-profit group, MyPower in Hobbs. The group provides teenage girls with life skills.

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## Financial expert, Jean Chatzky, visits Hobbs for lecture series



Jean Chatzky

Jean Chatzky, best known as the financial expert on the *Today* show, played "Family Feud" with high school Seniors during her morning presentation on Oct. 18. All Hobbs High School Seniors attended the morning assembly and learned such things as how to determine needs from wants, how much it takes to raise a teenager and how to avoid debt. Students participating in the "game show" had to name items belonging in different categories, such as what are the top 5 things teenagers save for.

At 7:00 p.m. the same evening, Chatzky presented her financial message to an audience of around 500. She answered questions about retirement and getting a home mortgage, as well as staying to autograph books and chat with audience members after her presentation.

Chatzky has created a global platform that is making significant strides to help millions of men and women battle an epidemic with a devastating im-

pact—debt. In addition to *Today*, Chatzky is a contributing editor for *More* magazine, a columnist for *The New York Daily News*, and a contributor to "The Oprah Winfrey Show". She also hosts a daily show on the "Oprah & Friends" channel, exclusively on XM Radio.

She is the author of five books, including best sellers *Pay It Down: From Debt to Wealth on \$10 A Day* (New York Times and Business Week best seller) and *Make Money, Not Excuses* (Wall Street Journal and New York Times best seller). Her latest book, *The Difference: How Anyone Can Prosper in Even The Toughest Times*, was released in 2009.

Chatzky has been recognized as an exceptional journalist. She received the Clarion Award for magazine columns from the Association of Women in Communications, her radio show received a Gracie Award from American Women in Radio and Television, Inc., and she has been nominated twice for National Magazine Awards and was named one of the country's best magazine columnists by the Chicago Tribune.

In addition to her professional work, Chatzky is on the Literacy Partners board of directors, lends her support and expertise to women's services groups and is on the board of the Nora Magid Mentorship prize at the University of Pennsylvania, which helps journalism students get a head start in the field. She is also a member of the Trustees' Council of Penn Women for the University of Pennsylvania.

## USW Students take part in Community Service Projects

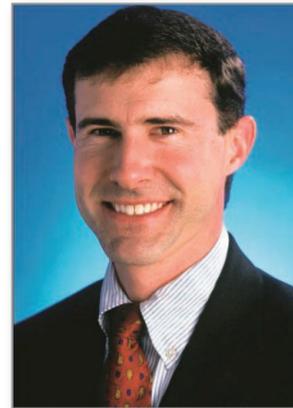
With the start of the Fall, 2010 semester, students were encouraged to participate in a new scholarship program called "Servant Leadership Awards." Students can earn up to \$1,000 per academic year toward educational expenses at USW by proposing, participating in and completing a service project on campus or in the community. Projects for athletic teams included:

- University of the Southwest men's and women's basketball teams helped the Boys and Girls Club of Hobbs sort 5,000 pounds of food that the Club donated to selected families for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The USW baseball team assisted St. Helena's Church with its annual family fair fundraiser by making tamales. Forty-five members of the team and all of the coaches helped make several hundred dozen tamales to sale at the fair.
- The women's soccer team assisted teachers at College Lane Elementary School by helping in classrooms and tutoring students in reading, writing and math.
- The men's soccer team helped teachers and students at Mills Elementary School with classroom activities and homework assignments. The team also collected clothing throughout the Hobbs community, as well as players' home towns, and donated items to the Salvation Army and Goodwill. Other projects, in coordination with the cross country team, included an Adopt a Highway program and keeping the USW campus clean. Pre-worn soccer and running uniforms were donated to Kilgoris, Kenya, for children in the village to organize teams of their own.



2010 USW Men's Soccer and Cross Country Teams

## 2011 Free Enterprise Dinner to Feature American Hero, Captain Scott O'Grady



Captain Scott O'Grady

Marbob Energy Corporation executive, **Raye P. Miller**, will be honored with the 2011 Trustee of Free Enterprise Award. You may contact Laurie Dean at 575-492-2108 or at ldean@usw.edu to reserve your meal tickets now.

Captain O'Grady was helping enforce the NATO no-fly zone policy in the skies over Bosnia when a Soviet made anti-aircraft missile slammed into his F-16. Capt. O'Grady tells his incredible story of how he survived in hostile territory for six days before being rescued by the U.S. Marines in his book, *Return With Honor*, which spent six weeks on *The New York Times* Bestseller list. He has also published *Basher Five-Two*, a children's edition of his original story. His courageous story has also been documented on the Discovery

University of the Southwest's Free Enterprise Dinner will be held on **April 18, 2011**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack & Mabel Maddox Student Life Center on campus. The dinner will feature American hero, Captain Scott O'Grady. Dinner tickets are \$50 per plate, or you may sponsor a student for \$25. Event sponsorships are available at different levels: Platinum - \$10,000+; Gold - \$5,000+; or Silver - \$1,000+.

In addition to Captain O'Grady, Artesia resident and Marbob Energy Corporation executive, **Raye P. Miller**, will be honored with the 2011 Trustee of Free Enterprise Award. You may contact Laurie Dean at 575-492-2108 or at ldean@usw.edu to reserve your meal tickets now.

## University of the Southwest student athletes, faculty and staff honored for achievements

- Marilyn Smith, professor of education and director for the school counseling graduate degree program, celebrated 20 years of service to the University. Smith graduated from USW in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education. Other positions have included dean of education and vice president for academic service.
- Corinne DiBlasi, an associate professor of education for USW, was selected to display her stained glass artwork during the grand reopening of the newly remodeled Center for the Arts on Aug. 28, 2010, in Hobbs. Not only is DiBlasi an artist, she's also an author having just released her book: *Cooking Up An American Health Plan: An Insider Exposes Damaged Care*. Her book is available through Amazon.
- A record setting performance was strung together this season by the University of the Southwest tennis team. The team compiled a perfect 6-0 record, making it the most successful semester in the program's short four-year history. The team

Channel presentation, Behind Enemy Lines. In addition, Scott O'Grady has been featured on CNN's Voices of the Millennium, and the Then and Now series that focus on the most influential personalities of the past 25 years.

Captain O'Grady was born in Brooklyn, NY on Oct. 12, 1965. He attended the University of Washington for one year before transferring to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ. Captain O'Grady earned a Bachelor of Science degree (Aeronautical) in 1989 and was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program in April 1989.

Following college, Captain O'Grady attended the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, from November 1989 to December 1990. He was then assigned to F-16 pilot training at Luke Air Force Base until December 1991 when he began his first operational assignment flying the F-16 at the 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Korea. In April 1993, Captain O'Grady was reassigned to the 526th Fighter Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany, until assuming a position in May 1994 with the 555th Fighter Squadron in Aviano, Italy. In October 1995, he was assigned as an F-16 pilot with the 466th Fighter Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. In July 1998, he was assigned to Joint Survival Agency at Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Washington.

After 12 years of military service Captain O'Grady entered inactive reserve status in February 2001. Captain O'Grady has accumulated more than 1,300 military flying hours including over 1,000 in the F-16.

He is currently pursuing a master's degree at Dallas Theological Seminary.

consists of Josh Baker, Adam Faul, Jarron Franklin, Edgar Luna, Anthony Nguyen, Marek Ondruj, Richard Southern, and Teddy Yelley.

- USW was selected as the overall winner of the 2009-2010 Red River Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Award as the program with the coaches, players and administration that exhibited the best demeanor and conduct during the year.



2010 USW Tennis Team

## Class Notes

### LIFE TOGETHER

- **Cigi Shay Allen '06** (BS – Secondary Education) and Daniel Hardin began their new life together on Dec. 11, 2010.
- **Schuyler Woody '04** (BS – Elementary Education) and Matthew Brown were married Dec. 18, 2010.
- **Nancy Ramirez** (current student) and Adan Guillen, Jr., began their life together on June 19, 2010.
- **Clint & Maxine Morrill**, friends of the University, celebrated 60 years of life together on July 10, 2010.

### NEW LIFE

- Ryan Nelson Kelley was born May 31, 2010 to **Brent Kelley '05** (BS – Computer Science and Business) and Kristli Kelley.

## Local Cyclists help USW Students

USW hosted the Third Annual Saddle up 'N Cycle bicycling event on Oct. 23. All proceeds from this event help students attend a mission trip during the academic year. Past trips include the Chicago City Church and Sun Valley Indian School in Arizona, where students helped serve food, ran youth programs and assisted with maintenance projects. Read more about this year's mission trip in the Summer, 2011 edition of the Mustang Newsletter.

Cyclists this year came from Hobbs, Carlsbad and Las Cruces, NM. and Midland, Elgin, Plainview, Lubbock and Big Spring, TX. With 52 riders, this year's event had the largest participation in the three-year history.

The event is supported by Southeast New Mexico Cycling and this year's ride was dedicated to the memory of Larry Hanna of Hobbs, who was a friend of USW, the local cycling club and our community.



### FRIENDS PASSED

- **Richard C. Hamlin '73** (BA – Business), and former Hobbs firefighter, passed away Aug. 26, 2010.
- **Henry Jimenez Jr. '01** (BS – Secondary Education/PE), teacher and coach at the Hobbs Freshman School, passed away Sept. 2, 2010.
- **Harold R. Tomlinson '69** (BS – Business) passed from this life on Oct. 17, 2010.
- **William L. (Bill) Pevey**, friend of the University and former USW instructor, passed away on Nov. 2, 2010.
- **Tony Knott**, friend of the University and former Hobbs Police Chief, passed away on Nov. 12, 2010.

## Share Your News!!

Have you recently been married or do you have a new little bundle of joy? Do you have a new job you are excited about? University of the Southwest would like to hear from you! Share your news with classmates and the USW community by completing and mailing in the form below. Your news may be printed in the next issue of *The Mustang*. Our newsletter is published quarterly and will include as many alumni updates as space allows. Send completed form to USW, Attn: Laurie Dean, 6610 Lovington Hwy., #501, Hobbs, NM 88240

### USW Alumni & Friends Information Update Form

Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss (circle one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ USW Alum? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Earned at USW \_\_\_\_\_

Month/year \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name or name used while at USW \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ USW Alum? \_\_\_\_\_

Month/year \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Major/Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names/Ages) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 12th Annual University of the Southwest

### Scholarship Scramble

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