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**The Sorensen Institute
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Class of 2008**

Political Leaders * College Leaders * High School Leaders

Meet the Political Leaders Program Class of 2008



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BRYAN RHODE
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CHRIS FAIRCHILD
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CLAIRE WULF WINIAREK
Chesapeake, Grants and Projects Coordinator, the Honorable Thelma Drake, U.S. Congress; Troop Leader, Brownie Girl Scout Troop 087; Chesapeake GOP.



DAVID COX
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JOE WALTON
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KALA QUINTANA

Burke, Director of Public Outreach, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; President and Woods Trustee, Burke Centre Board of Trustees.



KEN BERNSTEIN

Arlington, National Board Certified high school government teacher, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, nationally recognized blogger on education and political issues.



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Alexandria, Public Affairs, Transurban, USA; formerly in Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic; Hanover County Republican Women; Greater Richmond Young Republicans.



LIANE ROZZEL

Arlington, Coordinator, Families & Allies of Virginia's Youth; Arlington Community Emergency Response Team; former Sr. Warden, St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church.



MICHAEL CHAPMAN

Charlottesville, student, UVA School of Law; former Captain, U.S. Army; former Paramilitary Officer, Special Ops, Central Intelligence Agency; former Representative to the White House Situation Room, National Security Council.



MISSY BELL

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DOMINIC GABELLO

Arlington, Political Director, Virginians for Brian Moran; former President, Va. Young Democrats; former Campaign Chair, Young Democrats of America.



PAT EDMONSON

Virginia Beach, Counselor, Barry Robinson Center; Virginia Beach School Board; Vice Chair, Virginia Beach Democratic Committee; Co-Chair, Virginia Beach Obama for President.



ROBERT BARNETTE, JR.

Mechanicsville, Safety Manager, E.I. Dupont; Chair, Hanover Democratic Committee; Chief Master Sergeant (Ret.), Headquarters Virginia Air National Guard.



SARAH GODLEWSKI

Arlington, Senior Management Consultant, BearingPoint; Instructor, George Mason University; Vice Chair Precinct Operations, Arlington County Democratic Committee.



SHERRY FOTI

Roanoke, Postgraduate Professional Licensure, Teacher, Roanoke County Schools; Virginia Education Association; NEA; Veteran, U.S. Navy.



STELLA EDWARDS

Chesterfield County, substitute teacher; Member Rep., National PTA Board of Directors; Education Chair, Virginia PTA; Veteran, U.S. Army.



STEVEN DeLUCA

Richmond, Director of State Government Relations, Capital One; Volunteer Firefighter, Chairman of the Board, Hanover Fire & EMS Engine Co. 10; Richmond Republican Committee.



SUSAN SPEARS

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ANTHONY DALE

Alexandria, Defense Contracting, Missile Defense Agency; Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps HQ; past VP of Finance, Virginia Young Democrats; CTP Class of 2008.



WILL FRANK

Richmond, Finance Director, Delegate Ward Armstrong/A Strong Majority PAC; Past President, Metro Richmond Area Young Democrats.

Meet the College Leaders Program Class of 2008

The College Leaders Program Class of 2008 set a record as the largest CLP class to date with 30 members. Over the course of four weeks, the group debated current issues in Virginia politics, learned how to get involved at the state and local levels, and developed the collegial bonds familiar to any Sorensen class. The group had the opportunity to travel across the Commonwealth—from the Shenandoah Valley, where they toured a dairy farm and discussed agricultural policy, to Hampton Roads where they visited the Port of Virginia to Southside where they toured correctional facilities in Chatham. The group also spent time in Richmond and Washington, D.C., where they met with members of Virginia's congressional delegation including Senator Webb and Congressmen Davis, Goode, Wittman and



Wolf. As always, a number of Virginia's leaders spoke with the class to share their insights on government and policy. Over 70 guest speakers visited the group including Attorney General Bob McDonnell, Speaker of the House William Howell, State Superintendent of Schools Billy Cannaday, Virginia Secretary of Finance Jody Wagner and Commonwealth's Attorney for Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Marsha Garst, among many others. The class also spent their time working in small groups to identify and address some of the issues facing Virginia. This year's groups came up with policy proposals ranging from better life preparation coursework in Virginia's high schools to expanding Virginia's conservation easement program. The board members, alumni, and staff of the Sorensen Institute are very proud to welcome each of our CLP 08 graduates to the Sorensen family. Members of the Sorensen Institute's College Leaders Program Class of 2008 include:

Michael Billingsley, Dumfries, University of Virginia (2009), Government and Philosophy; Honor Committee; University Judiciary Committee; University Democrats; Sexual Assault Board Member; Leadership Consultant; Liberal Arts Seminar Facilitator; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society; Virginia Themis Society.

Madison Busch, Doswell, University of Virginia (2008), History and Foreign Affairs; Reporter, 92.7 KISS FM; Associate Editor, Uncommon Ground; Intern, Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership; Election Official, Charlottesville Office of Voter Registration.

Laura Castro, Richmond, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (2008), Business Administration, Liberal Arts, and Social Science; University of Virginia (2010); President, Student Council Association; Reynolds Student Ambassador; Co-founder, Diverse Organization of Ethnicities; Student Representative, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

Brookelynn Constant, Bealeton, Christopher Newport University (2010), Political Science, minor in Leadership Studies; Intern, US Senator Jim Webb; Intern, State Senator John Miller; Congressional Aide, Congressman Neugebauer and US Senator Mike DeWine; Senator, Student Government Association; Resident Assistant; Co-Chair, CNU Virginia21 Chapter.

Bram Crowe-Getty, Nelson, Guilford College (2009), Theatre, minor in Religious Studies; Varsity Soccer; Actor, Guilford Theatre Studies Productions; Band Member, Hill Racers.

Ronald D'Agostino, Vienna, George Mason University (2009), Government, International Politics, Islamic Studies; Secretary of Government and Academic Affairs, Student Government Association; Vice President, GMU Virginia21 Chapter; Intern, Palestinian Legislative Council; Intern, US Senator Charles Schumer.

Sarah Drabkin, Springfield, Old Dominion University (2009), Political Science and History; Peer Advisor, Italian Cultural Learning House; Intern, Marvin Lewis Community Fund; Vice President of Campus Communications, College Democrats; Student Senate Representative.

MoniQue Drake, Richmond, Longwood University (2008), Political Science; Treasurer, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.; President, National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Hunter Fairchild, Palmyra, Lynchburg College (2010), Business Administration, Spanish; Founder and CEO, Campus Cleaners, LLC; President, Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity; Member, LC Leads Student Leadership Panel; LC College Republicans.

Anna Godlewski, Arlington, George Mason University (2009), Integrative Studies of Organizational Development; George Mason Student Government Association; Chair, Student Services Committee; Honor Committee; Mason Ambassador, George Mason University Office of Admissions; Alpha Phi Sorority.

Benjamin Heath, Virginia Beach, Christopher Newport University (2010), Political Science; Vice President, Student Senate of CNU; Chapter Secretary, Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity; Founding Member, CNU Rotaract Club; Eagle Scout.

Lacey Howard, Spotsylvania, Christopher Newport University (2008), French, Leadership; CNU President's Leadership Program; Vice President, Student Government Association; Co-Coordinator, Annual Middle School Leadership Conference.

Allison Hunn, Arlington, University of Virginia (2011), Foreign Affairs, Anthropology, French; Volunteer, Cecilia Espinoza for School Board Campaign; Intern, Congressman James P. Moran Summer 2008; Arlington Community Foundation Verizon-Elizabeth Campbell Scholarship Recipient.

Andrew Jennings, Hillsville, Hampden-Sydney College (2009), History and Government; National Youth Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice; Member, Virginia Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice; Member, Honors Council; Vice President, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity; Senior Fellow in History and Government.

LaThaniel Kirts, Portsmouth, Morehouse College (2010), Political Science; Community Service Coordinator, Atlanta University Center's Virginia Club; Morehouse Pre-Law Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Young Life.

Jonna Knappenberger, Charlottesville, College of William and Mary (2009), Philosophy and Anthropology; Reporter, Scripps Howard Foundation Wire; Co-Editor in Chief, The DoG Street Journal; Research Assistant, The Serpentine Wall; Member, William and Mary Mosaic House; Communications Intern, Southern Environmental Law Center.

Anne Lojek, Chester, Sweet Briar College (2008), Biology, Government; Phi Beta Kappa; Commonwealth Scholar; Staff Assistant, Congressman Randy Forbes; Intern, Delegate Bob Purkey; Sweet Briar Leadership Certificate Program; Ethics Bowl; Americans for an Informed Democracy Global Leadership Summit.

Elizabeth Maloney, Vienna, Radford University (2010), Political Science, Geography; Intern, Americans For Tax Reform; RU Advocacy Day Participant for RU 7/17 Strategic Plan.

Jordan Miles, Buckingham, Longwood University (2009), History, Homeland Security; Chairman, Longwood University Judicial Board; President, Longwood College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Student Advisory Board; Longwood University Student Handbook Committee; Longwood Campus Impact Committee.

Mea Molnar, Chesterfield, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (2008), Associates in Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; Virginia Commonwealth University BIS Program (2010), At-Risk Youth Advocacy; Senior Student Ambassador, Student Government Association; Campus Coordinator, JSRCC Virginia21 Chapter; Member, Phi Theta Kappa; Advocate for Foster Care Rights.

Matthew Ogren, Ashland, Duke University (2009), Political Science; Intern, McEachin for State Senate; Intern, Jim Webb for Senate; Intern, Communications Department, Virginia United Methodist Center; Graduate, Civitas Institute Campaign Management Program; Duke Political Science Club; Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

Cameron Patterson, Lynchburg, Longwood University (2009), History, concentration in Secondary Education; Alpha Phi Omega; Executive Senator, Student Government Association; Student Representative, Longwood University Board of Visitors; 2006 Citizen Leader Award.

Matthew Reges, Winchester, College of William and Mary (2009), Government; Intern, Winchester Commonwealth's Attorney; Staff, Karen Schultz for State Senate; Volunteer, Belle Grove Plantation; Student Environmental Action Coalition; Outdoors Club; Chess Club.

Joseph Riedel, Burke, Christopher Newport University (2010), Political Science, Leadership Studies; Army ROTC; President's Leadership Program; Sigma Phi Epsilon; Virginia Boys State; Minority Leader, Model United Nations.

Benjamin Schultz, Winchester, College of William and Mary (2009), Government; Energy Campaign Leader, Student Environmental Action Coalition; Virginia 21; Intern, Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce; Assistant Finance Director, Schultz for State Senate; Volunteer, Webb for Senate, Kaine for Governor, Kellam for Congress, Forgit for Congress.

Heather Shuttleworth, Alexandria, James Madison University (2009), Psychology, minors in Political Communication and Sociology; Legislative Action Committee Chair and Senator, Student Government Association; Volunteer, Jeff McKay for Supervisor; Resident Advisor; Student Ambassador; Alternative Spring Break.

Soulmaz Taghavi, Midlothian, Virginia Commonwealth University (2010), International Relations, minor in Economics; Director of Political Affairs, Student Government Association; Intern, Virginia21; Founder and President, Iranian Student Foundation; Founder and President, Persian American Students; Founder and Dance Captain, Persian Dance Team.

Adria Vanhoozier, Christiansburg, University of Virginia (2010), Government and Mathematics; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Virginia Themis Society; Days on the Lawn; Vice President of Operations, Kappa Delta Sorority; College Republicans.

Dale Warfield, Portsmouth, George Mason University (2010), Government; Akoma Circle; Future Business Leaders of America; Canvasser, Democratic Party of Virginia; Volunteer, Tutor Grove Baptist Church, Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots.

Torrey Williams, Bumpass, Bridgewater College (2009), International Studies and Political Science; Student Body President; Chairman, Bridgewater College Republicans; Political Director, Tom Garrett for Commonwealth Attorney; Eagle Scout.

LISTEN to complete podcasts of the CLP 08 Graduation Ceremony:

Online in the Sorensen Newsroom.

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Meet the High School Leaders Program Class of 2008



The 32 members of the High School Leaders Program Class of 2008 graduated on July 26th after an exciting two weeks of coursework on Virginia politics, field trips around the state, many late-night policy discussions, and a lot of class fun and games. With the graduation of the HSLP 2008, we now have 1,084 graduates of the Sorensen Institute. In addition to their time in the classroom, the group traveled to Alexandria and to the capitol in Richmond, in addition to team building at a ropes course and time off for a float down the James River. The group met with over 30 speakers, learning skills that they can use as leaders in their schools and communities and gaining greater insight and appreciation for how politics in Virginia works. The class appreciated the opportunity to meet with former Governors Gerald Baliles and Mark Warner, Attorney General Bob McDonnell, Delegates Chris Saxman and Margi Vanderhuy, former Lieutenant Governor John Hager, Samantha Bradshaw, Chairman of the College Republican Federation of Virginia and

Christie Bieber, Executive Director of the Virginia Young Democrats, among many others. By the end of the two weeks the group had put together their own policy solutions for issues facing Virginia, ranging from a cap-and-trade system for nutrient runoff into the Chesapeake Bay to proposing a two-term governorship for Virginia. The Sorensen Institute is very proud to welcome the following members of the HSLP Class of 2008 to the Sorensen family:

Khadeeja Ashai, Yorktown, York High School (2009); Treasurer, Sophomore Class; Treasurer, Service Committee; Secretary, Teen Advisory Group; Historian, International Activism Club; Coordinator, Children's Reading Program, Russell Memorial Library; Student Council Advisory Board; Model United Nations.

Mary Kathryn Atkinson, Java, Chatham Hall (2010); Sophomore Class President; Intern, Pittsylvania County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office; Volunteer, Boys and Girls Club of America; Volunteer, Mike Taylor for Sheriff; Fire Department Event Volunteer.

John Barber, Fork Union, Fluvanna County High School (2010); National Youth Leadership Conference; Key Club.

Sonora Braun, Roanoke, Patrick Henry High School (2009); Class Secretary and Treasurer, Student Government; Juror, Youth Court; Representative, National Honors Society; Volunteer, Salvation Army; Volunteer, Roanoke Public Library; Volunteer, Roanoke City Parks and Recreation; National Guild Piano.

Maribel Castaneda, Harrisonburg, Harrisonburg High School (2008); Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society; Tri-M Honor Society; Honors Band; Founder and President, Debate Club; Debate Team; Extemporaneous Speaking, Forensics; Volunteer, Massanutten Regional Library.

Mitchell Caudill, Midlothian, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School (2010); Sophomore Class Co-President; Debate Club; Co-Captain, Public Forum Debate Team; Co-Secretary, Club Esoterica; Model Government Club; Delegate, Governor's School Model Congress; Delegate, Princeton Model Congress; Young Libertarian Club.

Joi Crenshaw, Glen Allen, J.R. Tucker High School (2010); Metro Teen; Key Links; Inter, St. Mary's Hospital; Commonwealth Youth Conference for Leadership Effectiveness; A+ Honors Leadership Program at Hampton University; Future Leaders Forum for Young Women.

Martina Hairston, Roanoke, Patrick Henry High School (2009); President, Young Men and Women of Integrity; Annual Black History Soul Food Dinner; RAM House; Clean Valley Day.

Colin Harris, Marshall, Sidwell Friends School (2009); Intern, Senator Barack Obama; Intern, Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; Intern, Obama for America; United States International Space Modeling Team; Founder and President, Sidwell Foreign Relations Club.

Daniel Hivick, Keswick, Oxford Washington School (2009); National Honor Society, Phi Theta kappa; Intern, VBA Director, President Gregory Mika; Founder, Virginia Music Aid; President, Piedmont Collegian Academics Society; Assembly Member, Magnus Music; Junior Volunteer Program, Martha Jefferson Hospital.

Sirisha Iruvanti, Yorktown, Tabb High School (2009); National Honor Society; Leadership Council, Model UN; Vice

President, Debate Club; Committee Leader, Key Club; Section Leader, Symphonic Band.

Helen Jones, Danville, Chatham Hall (2009); Student Honor Council; Secretary, Chatham Hall Senate; Vice President, Senior Class; Admissions Office Ambassador; French Club; Model United Nations Delegate; Varsity Swim Team.

Michelle Kinzer, Springfield, Annandale High School (2010); State Senate Page; Volunteer, Mount Vernon Estate; Volunteer, Adaptive Aquatics; Recipient of George Mason University Full Four Year Tuition Scholarship.

Emily Marshall, Richmond, Douglas S. Freeman High School (2010); Board Member, 100 Pounds of Hope; Peer Helpers; Key Club; Model United Nations; The Center for Government, Leadership, and Global Economics.

Richard Murphy, Chesapeake, Norfolk Academy (2010); Representative, Honor Council; Model United Nations; Assistant Director, Norfolk Academy Winter Musical; Fine Arts Association.

Nathalie Navarrete, Alexandria, T.C. Williams High School (2009); Latino Youth for Excellence; Latin American Student Society; Alexandria Youth Council; Membership Coordinator, Best Buddies; The Power of Partnerships State Conference; ESL Tutor.

David Newill-Smith, Midlothian, Math and Science School at Clover Hill High School (2010); Founder and Manager, Lakeside String Quintet; Math/Science Community Council; Richmond Metro Science Fair; Wrestling Team; Soccer Team; Quartermaster and Patrol Leader, Boy Scouts.

James Paulose, Fredericksburg, James Monroe High School (2010); Sophomore Class Vice President; Founder and President, James Monroe Chapter, Junior State of America; Junior State of America 2008 Winter Congress; Treasurer, National Junior Honor Society; Volunteer, District Polling Station; Volunteer, Rappahannock Regional Library.

Kimberly Quick, Chesterfield, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School (2010); Lincoln-Douglas Debate Team; National Spanish Honor Society; Representative, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference; Secretary, Spanish Club; Tutor, Newtowne Tutoring Program; Union Branch Baptist Church Youth Usher Coordinator.

JR Riegel, Glasgow, Rockbridge County High School (2008); Founding Member, International Affairs/Model UN Club; Lead Trainer, Model UN Club; Interact Club; National Honor Society; Volunteer, Boxerwood Arboretum; National Merit Commended Student.

Benjamin Ries, Roanoke, Patrick Henry High School (2009), Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology; First Viola, Roanoke Youth Symphony Orchestra; The Issue Forum; Cross Country; Boy Scouts; Vice President, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society; Youth Court; Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.

McCullough Roach, Amarillo, TX, Woodberry Forest School (2009); Board Member, Talon Art and Poetry Literary Magazine; Tour Guide, WFS; Mentor Program, WFS; International Forum; Editor and Photographer, Yearbook; Eagle Scout; Caucus; Co-Founder, Small Group Bible Study; Ropes Course Instructor, WFS; Rugby Club.

Caitlin Saloka, Forest, Jefferson Forest High School (2009); Young Democrats Club; Book Club; Marching Band Leadership Camp; Marching Band Trainer; Library Volunteer; Election Polling Volunteer.

Ladi Smith, Charlottesville, St. Anne's Belfield School (2009); Senior Class President; Leader, Community Forum; Recipient, Jefferson Book Award; Varsity Basketball and Volleyball; Women in Sports Award, Volleyball; Member, St. Anne's Belfield School Community Service Council; Volunteer Tutor; Volunteer, Salvation Army.

Trent Smith, Williamsburg, Lafayette High School (2009); Vice President, Key Club; Student Council Association; Math Honor Society; Operation Smile; Lafayette Ledger Reporter; Varsity Basketball Team.

Christina Solebello, Louisa, Louisa County High School (2009); Louisa Marching Lions Guard; Member, Louisa's Student Organization for Developing Attitudes; Cast and Crew, LCHS Production of Cyrano; Logo Designer, Lion Nation Bank Branch of UVA Community Credit Union.

James Underhill, McLean, Langley High School (2009); Eagle Scout; President, Junior Class; Leadership Honors Society; National Honor Society; History Honors Society; Robotics Club.

Andrew Werner, Norfolk, Norfolk Academy (2010); Founder, Upper School Relay for Life Team; Treasurer, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization; Junior Class Vice President, Student Council; Treasurer, Red Cross Club; Environmental Protection Club.

Amber Wiley-Vawter, Check, Floyd County High School (2009); English MAC; Beta Club; Section Leader, Floyd County Band; Senior Science Club; Book Club.

Caroline Wulf, Virginia Beach, Princess Anne High School (2009); International Baccalaureate Program; Student Diplomat, 2008 NATO Azalea Festival; Creator, WHRO/Hampton Roads Partnership Model Congress Program; Intern, Congresswoman Thelma Drake; Student Representative, Partners in Education Student Advisory Board.

Kevin Xiao, Glen Allen, Maggie L Walker Governor's School (2009); Policy Debate Captain; Founder and President, Maggie Walker Environment Club; Vice President, Club Asia; National Honor Society; Model United Nations; Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador; Volunteer, Science Museum of Virginia; Volunteer, Special Olympics.

Emma Yackso, Charlottesville, Charlottesville High School (2009); Head of Young Volunteers, Head of Volunteer Department for Election Day, Connie Brennan for Delegate; Vice President, Young Liberals; Women's History Month Leader; Voter Registration Club; National Honor Society; Key Club; Founder, Tutoring Struggling Students Program.

WATCH video from the HSLP 08 Graduation Ceremony:

Online in the Sorensen Newsroom.

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There are many other ways to support the work of the Sorensen Institute such as bequests, gifts of real property, insurance or retirement assets, and gifts that provide an income stream to you.

For more information on giving to the Sorensen Institute contact:

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Fifth District Issues Forum Goode and Perriello Meet in Danville

On Wednesday evening, September 3, the Sorensen Institute sponsored a Congressional Issues Forum between Fifth District Congressional candidates Virgil Goode (Republican incumbent) and Tom Perriello (Democratic challenger). Well over 350 people converged on the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville to hear Goode and Perriello discuss a host of issues including economic development, energy, national security, and immigration. The event was moderated by Executive Director Bob Gibson and former Danville mayor Linwood Wright. The event was simulcast live on WDBJ in Danville and has since been rebroadcast in full on WINA in Charlottesville and WTF public radio in Roanoke. You can tune in to complete podcasts of the forum in the Sorensen Newsroom. This forum is just the latest event in Sorensen's Southside Public Leadership Series, which will host former Secretary of Transportation and former Delegate Whitt Clement in Danville on October 9.



*Tom Perriello, Bob Gibson, Linwood Wright, and Virgil Goode—
Danville, September 3*



Ted Sorensen JFK Adviser Visits Charlottesville

The Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership hosted JFK speechwriter and adviser Ted Sorensen at a private event in Charlottesville on Monday evening, September 8. More than 175 Sorensen Institute alumni and friends were on hand to hear Mr. Sorensen discuss his work in the Kennedy White House—an experience which he has candidly documented in his new, best-selling book, *Counselor: Life at the Edge of History*. Mr. Sorensen discussed his political memories of the JFK campaign in Virginia, Thomas Jefferson, and what went on behind the scenes during

the Cuban missile crisis. Mr. Sorensen is the younger brother to Tom Sorensen for whom the Sorensen Institute is named. He was introduced by his sister, Ruth Sorensen Singer, who serves on the State Advisory Board. You can hear podcasts of the event in its entirety in the Sorensen Newsroom.

WATCH AND LISTEN



Besides podcasts of the above events, you can check out more podcasts and online video in the Sorensen Newsroom including:

- * radio interviews with PLP alumni
- *the College Leaders Program 2008 Slideshow
- *State Advisory Board member Paul Harris's remarks at the High School Leaders Class of 2008 Graduation.



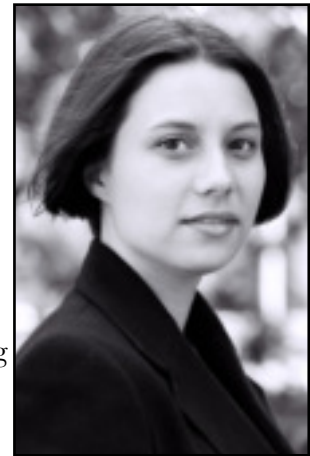
Staff Updates



Amber Capron

In an email to alumni and board members this past summer, Executive Director Bob Gibson announced that Amber Capron (left) would be leaving Sorensen for a new position elsewhere. "As a Political Leaders Program graduate [Class of 2004]," Bob wrote, "we are excited to see Amber moving to a great new career opportunity with a nonprofit environmental institute, but as an outstanding member of the staff team, we are sad to see her go."

In early September, Sorensen announced the results of a search to fill that position. We are proud to say that Rachel Casebolt (right) has been selected as our new Development and Events Coordinator. Rachel is a 2005 graduate of the College of William and Mary where she studied Government and Religion. We also note that she is a graduate of the Sorensen Institute's College Leaders Program Class of 2005. As Development and Events Coordinator, Rachel is responsible for the logistical arrangements for all Sorensen Institute programs and special events. She also provides support in the area of development, helping with donor stewardship and cultivation. Before coming to Sorensen, Rachel oversaw the publications section of the National Drug Court Institute in Alexandria, Virginia.



Rachel Casebolt

"We are thrilled at the results of our search," said Bob Gibson. "Rachel rose to the top of a highly qualified and experienced pool of applicants. She brings so much to the table, and we are fortunate to have her at Sorensen."

The Sorensen Institute also recently announced that Marc Johnson (left), a graduate of the College Leaders Program Class of 2003, has been promoted to Assistant Director and Director of Programs. "I am excited by this new opportunity," Marc said.

"Sorensen has been a wonderful place to work for the past four years and I continue to count myself privileged to be a part of an organization with such an important mission."

Bob Gibson said, "Marc's hard work, dedication and familiarity with all aspects of Sorensen's mission make him an ideal director of the Institute's programs. He is a very capable and creative colleague, a great teacher, and I am fortunate to be able to turn to him as Sorensen's Assistant Director."



Marc Johnson

Marc recently earned his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Virginia, where he studied educational leadership, foundations and policy. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the College of William & Mary with a degree in government. And on Saturday, September 20, Marc was married to fellow Sorensen graduate, Dreama Montrief, High School Leaders Program Class of 2004.

Sorensen Announces New Board Members

The Sorensen Institute is proud to announce publicly for the first time that we have recently welcomed six new members to our State Advisory Board. New members include former Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, former U.S. Assistant Secretary for Education and former Chair of the Republican Party of Virginia, **John Hager** of Richmond (John rejoins the Sorensen Board after having been a long-time member and early supporter of Sorensen and a past Chair of the State Advisory Board); Delegate **Shannon Valentine** of Lynchburg, a graduate of the Political Leaders Program Class of 2005; State Senator **Robert Hurt** of Chatham, a graduate of the Political Leaders Program Class of 2000; **Chelsea Rock** of Washington, D.C., a graduate of the College Leaders Program Class of 2006—the first youth graduate to serve on the Sorensen State Advisory Board; **Rip Sullivan** of McLean; a partner at Reed Smith LLP; and **Brenda Skidmore**, a Senior Vice President of Suntrust. It is our distinct pleasure to welcome our new board members and thank them for their service to Sorensen.

Sorensen Calendar 2008

September

24: 2009 recruiting reception, Richmond.

26: State Advisory Board orientation meeting for new members.

October

3: State Advisory Board meeting in Richmond.

4: PLP Class of 2008 meets in Richmond.

4: *The Sorensen Institute celebrates the 15th anniversary of its founding at the 2008 Alumni Reunion in Richmond.*

6: 2009 Recruiting reception, NoVA.

7: 2009 recruiting reception, Norfolk.

9: 2009 recruiting reception, Danville.

9: Southside Public Leadership Series event with Whitt Clement in Danville. (7-8:30pm)

15: 2009 recruiting reception, Roanoke. (includes private showing of *Across the Aisle*).

22: WVPT Public Television broadcasts *Across the Aisle* (Valley, Central, and Northern Virginia markets).

24: Charlottesville-area alumni gathering, Omni Hotel (5-7pm).

November

7-8: PLP Class of 2008 in Roanoke.

10: Deadline for applications to PLP and CTP 2009 classes (Monday 8am).

December

2: 2009 Interviews: Lynchburg.

2: 2009 Interviews: Roanoke.

5-6: Political Leaders Program Class of 2008 celebrates its graduation in Charlottesville.

9: 2009 Interviews: NoVA

10: 2009 Interviews: Hampton Roads.

12: 2009 Interviews: Charlottesville.

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