

J.B. Horton

Pampa High School Class of 1994



J.B. Horton is a 1994 graduate of Pampa High School. Mr. Horton, son of Benny and Kerrick Horton, was a member of the National Honor Society, a three time All-Region Band member and was the first PHS student to ever win the Men's singles' District championship in tennis.

Mr. Horton attended West Texas A&M University, where he was elected as student body president for two terms his junior and senior years. He also served as president of his business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, was the founding president of the College Republicans and was elected as the chairman of the Texas A&M System Chancellor's Student Advisory Board, representing over 88,000 students. At WT, Mr. Horton championed a student endowment for scholarships, which has now grown to more than \$2 million and produces over \$100,000 scholarships each year for WT students. Mr. Horton played on the WT tennis team for three years, where his team was able to compete twice in the NCAA II Sweet 16 Championships. He was named WT's Man of the Year in 1998 and in 1999 he became the first individual in WT's history to receive the *Silver Buffalo Award*, the highest award given by the University President. He graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in international business.

After graduating from college, he moved to in Veracruz Mexico to study Spanish before moving to Austin to work on President Bush's 2000 presidential campaign. He then moved to Washington D.C. where he worked at the Republican National Committee. After President Bush won the election in 2000, Mr. Horton was asked to serve on the transition team to the White House. During the two terms of the Bush Administration, Mr. Horton worked in several different rolls: Special Assistant in the Small Business Administration's Office of International Trade ; Associate Director in the State Department's White House Liaison Office; and for the last 2 ½ years he served as The White House Liaison to the General Services Administration.

While in Washington, he received a Pampa sponsored Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study in England. He received his Master of Business Administration from Leeds University Business School in 2005.

After completing his work in the Bush Administration, Mr. Horton and his wife, Lindsay, spent two months in Tajikistan, where they served as humanitarian consultants on an energy project.

He currently works for The Heritage Foundation, managing a development team that covers all states west of the Mississippi River. In his first four years, he has been responsible for raising almost \$25 million to aid the Heritage Foundation in promoting conservative causes across the country.

Mr. Horton and his wife, Lindsay, now live in Fort Worth.