

NBC Newswoman Helps Bosque School Raise Money for Financial Aid

Bosque School celebrated the opening of Budagher Hall, a new 15,500 square foot addition to the Peggie Ann Findlay Arts Center on Saturday, April 14. This new addition will provide a dining hall, additional performance spaces, and classrooms. Over 215 parents, grandparents, faculty, and friends gathered on the Bosque School campus to celebrate this extraordinary new building. The dinner celebration raised over \$112,000 for need based financial aid for students. Bosque School continues to provide 24% of the student body with financial aid assistance each year.

Additionally, Andrew Wooden, Head of School, announced the establishment of the **Gerald and Betty Ford Presidential Endowed Scholarship** in their honor. This endowed scholarship was established by gifts from the community totaling nearly \$100,000. The school will continue to build this endowment and announce the first recipient of the scholarship in 2008. The Ford family has been instrumental in the success of Bosque School. Heather Vance, President Ford's granddaughter was in Bosque School's first graduating class in 2001. Susan Ford Bales, the daughter of the late President Gerald R. Ford and Betty Ford is about to begin her third term on the Bosque School Board of Trustees.

Andrea Mitchell, Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent with NBC News was the keynote speaker. Mitchell addressed a crowd of 215 at Bosque School's Budagher Hall Gala on Saturday, April 14, 2007. Ms. Mitchell's professional experience includes reporting on evolving foreign policy issues in the United States and abroad for all NBC News broadcasts, including "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams," "Today," and on both CNBC and MSNBC. In addition to reporting on foreign affairs issues, Mitchell also covered the 2004 presidential campaign for NBC News and was a regular panelist on MSNBC's "Hardball."

In September 2005, Mitchell's first book *Talking Back*, a memoir about her experiences as one of the first women to cover five presidents, Congress and foreign policy, was published. Each guest in attendance will receive a signed copy of her book. Also, in 2005, Mitchell received the prestigious Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and in 2004; the Radio-Television News Directors Association honored Mitchell with the Leonard Zeidenberg Award for her contribution to the protection of the First Amendment Freedoms.

A native of New York, Mitchell received her B.A. degree in English literature from the University of Pennsylvania where she currently serves as a Trustee, a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Annenberg School Advisory Board. Mitchell is married to former Federal Reserve Board Chairman, Alan Greenspan and resides in Washington, D.C.

Mitchell joined the Bosque School event after returning from North Korea where she was covering the U.S. Delegation's trip led by Governor Bill Richardson.

Ms. Mitchell was invited to speak at Bosque School by her good friend, Susan Ford Bales. Susan Ford Bales is a Bosque School Trustee and the daughter of the late President, Gerald R. Ford and former first lady, Betty Ford.