

## **MEET JODEY ARRINGTON**

Jodey Arrington is a proud family man, proven leader and lifelong conservative.

His commitment to public service and fighting for West Texas is deeply rooted in the South Plains where he grew up and learned the values of faith, family and hard work.

After graduating from Plainview High School, Jodey went on to attend Texas Tech where his mom and dad first met and his dad played basketball in the late 50's. He was involved in a variety of activities including a short stint as a Walk-on under Coach Spike Dykes. Jodey earned a BA in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He later received a certificate in International Business Management from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University.

Through the years, Jodey's ability to tackle the tough issues and get results for our community and state have taken him from the South Plains, to the White House, and back again.

While completing his Master's Degree, Jodey went to work in the Texas Governor's office advising Governor George W. Bush on appointments to state boards and commissions. He recruited conservative business leaders from across the state to provide oversight and accountability to agencies responsible for agriculture, higher education, healthcare, and criminal justice.

After Bush won the Presidency, Jodey was appointed Special Assistant to the President. In the White House, Jodey was responsible for helping the President assemble his leadership team in the critical areas of agriculture, water, and energy.

After leaving the White House, Jodey served as Chief of Staff to Amarillo native Don Powell, Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. While there, he was instrumental in helping Chairman Powell cut millions of dollars in waste and inefficiencies, reduce the regulatory burden on community banks, and pass the US deposit insurance reform.

In 2005, President Bush would call on the two West Texans again – this time to help lead the Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Under Jodey's watch, the Office improved critical infrastructure, encouraged responsible rebuilding, and saved millions in taxpayer dollars.

Jodey then returned to the South Plains in 2007 to serve as Chief of Staff and later as Vice Chancellor for the Texas Tech University System. As Chairman of Enrollment Task Force, Jodey played an important role in the record growth of the Texas Tech System. He was also instrumental in bringing jobs and millions of dollars in economic development to West Texas, increasing technology commercialization, and fostering strong ties with the local business community.

In June 2014, Jodey stepped down from Texas Tech to become President of Scott Laboratories where he is responsible for commercializing medical technologies and healthcare innovations.

Jodey lives in Lubbock with his wife, Anne, and their two children. They are active members of their local Church where he teaches Sunday School. Jodey is active in the local community, serving on numerous boards and committees related to Christian ministry, economic development, and renewable energy.