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## **Governor and Her Staff Welcome the Yigsters**

By Anageles (Anna) Echols

At the opening ceremony, Governor Nora Salmon introduced her staff and invited the YIG students to talk to her and her staff. On her staff this year is JA Kaufmann, Kirby Weber, Stephanie Landgraf, and Christina Waterwiese.

Today, the staff visited different program area meetings such as print press or judicial. They assisted students by observing, giving input, and offering advice to the program. With this help, the student will be able to make their programs function successfully. Some of the staff, along with Governor Salmon, also observed The Attorney General trial. "It was very interesting to see all the spirited debate between the plaintiffs and the defense."

Carondelet's Ja Kaufmann, Judicial liaison, says.

At early arrival, Governor Salmon and her staff also prepared for the rest of the YIGsters arrival by planning bills to watch, preparing welcome bags for the YIGsters and other plans to make MoYIG 2013 convention a great year. "I plan on making the convention great by listening to all the delegates. I am going to pass awesome bills and it's going to be great."

## **House sessions began**

By Brad Jaeger and Shelby Dunn

The House of Representatives has been working hard on producing new bills. This year because of construction in the House Chambers, the house is meeting in the Missouri and Capitol Ballrooms. Brittany Schenk is the Speaker of the

House, and is in charge of its proceedings.

As you walk into the ballrooms where the House is meeting, you can just tell everyone is excited to be there and ready for discussion. It seems that all the members know what they are doing and really believe in their bills. During the proceedings, the House members break up into committees to discuss certain bills that have been proposed. These bills can range anywhere from making new driving laws, to a law about declawing cats. The House members research and develop the bills before the convention. During the actual meetings, there is a lot of debate and questioning to see if the bill is good enough to move on. If the bill is voted on and passed then it can move on to be voted on by the Senate.

Everyone in the House was very professional. If you didn't know

any better, you would have thought that you were in the actual House Chambers.

## **Hard work is happening in the Senate**

By Rachel Kimminau

At 1:30PM on November 14, 2013 the Missouri YIG Senate met for the first time this year to begin discussing bills.

Prior to the state convention, senators wrote and submitted bills that they believed should be passed into law. Then, the Senate discussed and votes on these bills. By teaming up in committees, the Senate discusses all of their bills and scores them accordingly. The bills with the best scores are the first to reach the floor. As Callaway's Senator Connor Foote stated, "It is a really cool process and honestly a lot of fun."

## YIG's Rich History Provides Foundation for Program Today

by Addie Harris

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The YMCA's involvement in Youth in Government signifies commitment to their ideals and sense of duty. The YIG community thanks the YMCA for its willingness to be a part of our community and for helping to promote the general welfare of this generation and the ones to come.

## #MOYIG2013

By Rebecca Hopke

YIGsters heard in the opening session of the convention this year how we are reaching out to the whole convention using Instagram. Everyone can post their pictures on Instagram and use #MOYIG2013 or #MOYIGSELFIE. This is going on throughout the whole convention because we want to fill Instagram with pictures of your experience at YIG.

All we have to do is take pictures of things going on at YIG and post them on Instagram.

I know a lot of us love taking "selfies" (pictures of yourself from a close perspective) and pictures. Additionally, many of us probably have an Instagram account. Well how about when we post those pictures on Instagram we use a hash tag so everyone at YIG can see our photos. How cool would it be to see Instagram filled with pictures of students at YIG doing what we enjoy? People from all over can see what we do at YIG and how much fun we have here. I've checked out some posts that people have put on Instagram and I want to see tons more. It would be great if we could share pictures of our MOYIG fun through Instagram.

I asked Kirsten from Bowling Green and she

said, "Even though I don't have an Instagram (account) I think it's an interesting idea." I hope to see tons of pictures on Saturday of all the fun we had this weekend at the 65<sup>th</sup> Missouri Youth in Government. Keep hashtagging at #MOYIGSELFIE and #MOYIG2013!

### 2013 Governor Candidates

By Emily Jones

Today, I got the pleasure of meeting all three of the 2013 Youth in Government candidates for Governor. It was a great experience, getting to talk to Vincent Perll, Kate Hannick, and Trevor Meyer. Each of these candidates sounded very promising. Perll, Hannick, and Meyer all have great qualities and skills. Each one of them has a unique love for YIG and everything about it.

**Vincent Perll:** Perll was born and raised in Mexico, Missouri. He has two dogs at home named Brady and Allie. His best friend would describe him as outgoing, entertaining, and enjoyable, and when asked how he would describe himself he is fun, humble, and outgoing. His greatest strengths are leadership, responsible, and he's a great critical thinker. In five years, he plans to be at a university studying sports medicine or orthopedics. His favorite restaurant is CC's Broiler and his favorite food is steak and potatoes. He likes Coke rather than Pepsi.

Perll has been involved in YIG for 4 years. He believes that his running for office is a way of giving back to the YIG community and he is passionate about the program. If elected, he will listen to everyone's feedback, and be open minded to everyone's opinions and thoughts. His favorite part about YIG is meeting new people and creating memories.

**Kate Hannick:** Hannick is from the St. Joseph's Academy delegation and has been involved in YIG for 3 years. She has one dog, Addie. Her greatest strengths are her determination and over all love for YIG. In 5 years, she hopes to be either in California or somewhere along the east coast studying environmental science. Her best friend would describe her as outgoing, organized, fun, and happy. She describes herself as hardworking, a good leader, and happy. Her favorite restaurant is Imo's Pizza and she prefers root beer over coke and pepsi. Her favorite food is chocolate cake or anything at all with potatoes.

Hannick decided to run for Governor, because in her previous years Michael Perll was one of the Governors who had been elected and inspired her to run for office. If elected as the 2014 YIG governor, Hannick plans on 4 ways to improve YIG to the best of her ability. She wants to expand the

convention and make sure more and more kids become involved in this program, and to make YIG more affordable by creating scholarships, and to intermix the branches of office together, so they are more aware of the other branches and what they do. She is hardworking and she will work to serve. Her favorite part of YIG is the YIGster.

**Trevor Meyer:** Meyer is from Rockwood Summit, and has two dogs: Rowdie and Sophie. He wants to consider every bill, and make sure everyone gets a chance to fairly present their bill. In five years, Meyer sees himself in an engineering or electrical program. Meyer would describe himself as clean, knowledgeable, and time-managing whereas his best friend would describe him as organized, punctual, and nice. This is Meyer's second year involved in Youth in

Government. He prefers Coke over Pepsi and his favorite food is chocolate cake. He decided to run for governor because of the encouragement of participation by the YIG program. His favorite part of YIG is the representation of a creative process. He encourages his vote for he will provide a fair chance for legislative process.

### **Lieutenant governor candidates answer questions**

By: Jordan Sheets –

Last night at "Meet the Candidates," two YIG participants gave their speech for Lieutenant Governor. Both candidates, Drew Greenwald, a senator from the Rockwood Summit delegation, and Erin Rowland, a senator from the Francis Howell Central delegation, were asked about their reasons for running for Lieutenant

Governor. They responded with the following statements: Greenwald stated that "I want to make sure the program stays as it is." He wants to make sure that people continue to stay passionate about YIG and keep the same supportive atmosphere. Rowland and says that she has "always been very passionate about YIG." Therefore she wants to "give back" to this community that has given so much to her. Both of these YIGsters promise that they are qualified for the job ahead of them. Greenwald has developed many skills from being an NHS officer, participating on track and cross country teams, and acting as a LINK school leader (an upper classman who helps transitioning Freshmen at his high school). He feels that these skills will help him take on the roll of Lieutenant Governor. Rowland is involved in her school newspaper, enrolled in 5 A.P. classes, and has been Crew Head in her school's play productions. Thus she has developed

excellent time management techniques that she feels will help her take on the roll of Lieutenant Governor. Fellow Yigsters sure have a tough decision to make as both candidates appear ready and willing to take on the roll as Lieutenant Governor.

### **Secretary of State candidates answer questions**

By Josie Fox

This year there are three candidates running for the position of Secretary of State: James Perll, Paige Hofmiester, and Katey Wetter. All are fierce competitors who cherish the opinions of fellow YIG participants and hope to bring about a creative and fun environment for the next year of YIG.

Page Hofmiester values of forming an environment that formulates warmth, friendships, and confidence. She plans to use the inspiration she obtains from fellow YIGsters to further the

Youth In Government program. James Perll has decided that using his older brother, Michel Perll, as a role model for how he thinks a leader should act and do, both approachable and efficient. He would like to focus on being productive but organized to build an even better YIG for the next year. Katey Wetter plans to be welcoming thus generating a place comfortable for a fast, fierce, competitive environment for future YIGsters.

All the candidates are appreciable and kind. Each one is extremely passionate about YIG in their own unique ways that at the same time very similar because of their numerous experiences in leadership positions and school clubs and activities.

**Candidates Kara Hubecky and Brian Mackenzie compete for Speaker of the House**

By: Megan Glynn and Emily Messmer

Kara Hubecky from Francis Howell Central High School and Brian Mackenzie from Kirkwood High School are running for Speaker of the House for the MOYIG 2014 Lewis State convention. The two candidates had a chance Thursday night to introduce themselves to their constituents at the meet the candidates event. Legislative students are able to vote for Speaker of the House on Saturday morning.

Kara Hubecky began her speech with an anecdote from her childhood in which she overcame one of her fears. Hubecky was inspired by speaking and is founder/president of her school's A Capella group. Hubecky states "I hope to

get more equality on the floor. I think Youth in Government is a place for youth to speak up." One of the most important things to Hubecky is that you are normally told what to do and what to say, and here you get a voice when you normally do not. Hubecky, a Greys Anatomy and Giraffe lover, has known she wanted to be Speaker of the House since she was in CLI four years ago.

Brian Mackenzie, who was sporting a dashing bowtie custom made by his mother, opened his speech with stating that he likes things to be "short and to the point". He is a big proponent of debate and states that he wants a "quick, lively debate with opportunities for people to get involved." He is knowledgeable about YIG and has also been committee chair at the convention. Mackenzie is comfortable with leadership and is a boy scout that is working on becoming an Eagle Scout.

Both candidates are very well qualified for the position and YIGsters agree that this

race will be close. Now, on Saturday morning, put down those YIGnewtons and go vote for Speaker of the House!

**Our future attorney general answers questions**

By Cody Ray Stark and Josh Miller

Today we sat down with our next attorney general, Katie Mentel. She is looking very forward to serving the next session of Missouri Youth in Government and plans to make the next session bigger and better than this year. Katie has been part of MOYIG since her freshman year and loves it here. She plans to have more people come out from her school and to try to spread the word to other schools about how much fun MOYIG actually is. A little about Katie for those looking to discover more about her: Her favorite movies include Despicable Me and Elf. Her favorite football team is the one and only Alabama Roll Tide and

she is a captain on her school's Varsity Lacross team and of course her favorite baseball team is the Cardinals. That is just a little bit about Katie Mentel.

**AG Yoder talks about YIG's meaning to her**

By Elizabeth Finck

Attorney General Colleen Yoder, from Lindbergh High School delegation, is excited to hold her place in office this year, but she wasn't always so sure this would be what she would end up doing. "I was always kind of interested in law--but I didn't necessarily want to go into it at that time", she stated when asked about her thoughts when she first entered Youth in Government five years ago. "But when everyone was there and cheering, it was overpowering. I belonged here; This is me."

In five years, Yoder

sees herself at graduate school somewhere on the east coast in law school, maybe interning at a firm. She wants to argue cases for the disabled regarding building codes and regulations. "YIG changed who I want to be and do with my life" says Yoder. She sees herself as the one that pulls the facts that go unseen by others, the little details hidden within a case that could make it.

The whole case is exciting to Yoder, especially the opening statement or that first set of questions "Whether they be direct or cross" replied Yoder. "I go in and I'm usually pretty nervous, despite popular belief." , She says that to make the case, she has to remind herself to relax, that she has read over the case, and she knows what she is doing.

### **Advice From Governora** By Olivia Stewart and Sierra Smith

Nora Salmon otherwise known as Governora is attending her fourth Youth in Government meeting this year. Nora is a senior at St. Joseph Academy in St. Louis Missouri. Every year prior to becoming governor, Nora participated in the Judicial Branch.

Advice Nora would give the first year participants is that you should try too set aside time for yourself to make new friends. One of the questions that came up was "What has YIG done for you? Nora replied with, "YIG forced me to meet new people, and while running for an office last year I wasn't very outgoing so it was extra difficult for me." Nora also stated that, "YIG has given her a opportunity to be a youth leader. She wants everyone to know that what you put into YIG is what you will get out. Lastly Governora would like everyone to start tweeting #yigselfie to get it trending!

### **YIG was created before any of us were born** by Addie Harris

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### **Jeff City has top restaurants**

By Sydney Dunn and Kristen Tucker

If you are ever in Jefferson City and need a good restaurant to sit down and eat at, consider Sawadde (Chim's) Thai Kitchen, Arris' Bistro, and Central Dairy. Sawadde

(Chim's) Thai Kitchen is a great restaurant that many enjoy. Out of 217 voters, 94% of the voters liked it. The most popular item on the menu is Tilapia with red curry sauce.

Another popular restaurant to choose from is Arris Bistro. This restaurant includes foods ranging from Greek to Mediterranean. Out of 301 voters, 92% of the voters liked it.

Lastly if you are craving something sweet, head to Central Dairy. Close to 100% of the voters said yes to their wonderful ice cream.

### **The attorney general trial awaits results**

By Cody Ray Stark

As the people started to crowd around Carnegie's Hall, the tension in the room grew. The plaintiff gave an opening statement. Ron Howard, the defendant, was first to the stand after the

prosecuting attorney accused Howard of texting while driving on September 3<sup>rd</sup> on Southbound 54. Howard defended himself by claiming, "He couldn't have seen me because it was too dark outside, and my phone was in my trunk."

When the prosecuting attorney started asking questions, things began to get heated.

Objections were flying everywhere. When Officer Knott, the cop that pulled Howard, asked him to get out of the car, Mr. Howard claims that Officer Knott pushed him down. However, as the defense attorney asked, "How can a officer at about 5'6" at 135 lbs. push over a 6'3" 220 lb. football line backer?" Officer Knott, however, claims that he slipped on a puddle or rock on the highway.

When Andy, Howard's friend, who was in the car at the time, came up to the stand, he claimed that the phone in the cup holder was his and not Howard's.

The trial is still up in the air and the results will be announced

at the closing ceremony Saturday.

### **The YIGlist**

By Bree Hilton

Youth In Government is its own world and in this world we are fearless leaders and supreme excellencies of government. And every world has their own terminology. There are several phrases some of us here have coined over the past few days and we would like for them to catch on convention-wide. Here is a list of words that you should use in your daily YIGcabulary.

- 1.YIGsperience: Your overall experience at the conference.
- 2.YIGloos: This is your hotel room, your court room, or your media room. This is the place you reside the most during these 3 days.
- 3.YIGnewtons: The snacks you brought to YIG and munch on in your hotel rooms late at night.
- 4.YIGgy Pudding: The food you stuff yourself full with

(better than YIGnewtons)

5.YIGNorance: being ignorant and oblivious to what is happening at YIG (if you don't start using these phrases you will be considered YIGNorant)

6.Getting YIGgy with it: You are in capitol dress, but you just can not help but dance.

YIGcited: When you are so excited about YIG and you wake up and say "I am going to have a great YIGsperience today." (See: #1)

7.YIGcorcist: Exorcising YIGNorance from oneself. If used in a sentence: "You are so YIGNorant. You need a YIGscorcist! (See: #5)

8.YIGspectations: What is expected from you during the convention

9.YIGNite: When you are so full of YIGcitment that you might just jump out

**Judicial in action!**

By Rachel Rotter and Mark Count

Judicial is one of the six available programs that students are able to participate in during the 65th Annual Youth In Government Lewis State Convention. The program gives students the ability to experience what an actual trial would look and feel like. Judicial program will be holding trials run by students. The trials will be held during the entire convention with semi-finals and finals on Saturday.

Students are playing the roles of judges, attorneys, and witnesses, and acting out different cases. There are nine trials in total, not including semi-finals and finals. Students compete in groups of two against others students and try to make it all the way to finals. Coordinator for the Judicial program, Kathi Chestnut, said, "The students that participate in

YIG are our future leaders of our country and it's important that students have the opportunity to learn about what the Judicial branch does." See the semi-finals and finals on Saturday morning. Semi-finals start at 9:30am and finals start at 10:30am.

**CLI is in action**

By Jessica Wellington and Sadie Franck

Civic Leadership Institute, also known as CLI, is a program in which eighth graders from all over Missouri come to Jefferson City to participate in. Through group games and activities held at the YMCA, capitol grounds, and the hotel, they are able to understand the role government plays in citizens' daily lives. This year CLI has integrated a Hunger Games theme into its games and activities. Brennan McIntosh from the Mexico YMCA Delegation described some of the activities they participated in on the first day: "We played telephone and would-you-rather games, like would you rather be in a Harry Potter book or a Hunger Games book which made

it less nerve wracking with meeting all of these new people." Dejah Currie and Jayda Buchanan from the South East Middle School Delegation were more excited about the hotel experience; they said that when they walked into the program it "felt nice, like they were grown up with their own hotel room." CLI is more than a weekend getaway for eighth graders, it is a chance to let their leadership shine through and help them see themselves in a whole new perspective.

**Video News life begins**

By Lanelle Troesser

In the Video News life, the members of this program get to do something that not all the rest of us YIG members get to do. Those Video News members get to go out and roam while getting the latest and greatest stories. They have the opportunity to talk to the business owners about prices or sales that they offer during our Convention time. Also, they talk to some of the local people and see how YIG

affects them over these three days. They also have the chance to speak to many of us YIG members, finding out what we like most about YIG, or what we'd like I see changed or improved for next year. This is Video News life.