

THE COLLEGIATE TIMES

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Welcome to YMCA Collegiate Legislature 2009!!! I have been your Conference Coordinator for the year & I cannot tell you how excited I am that C-Leg is finally here. The other officers & I have been working over the last year to bring this conference to life & I am happy to say that our hard work has paid off. The theme for the conference this year is "I Love C-Leg!" & we have brought you a TON of fun over the next three days!

This year we also have made a few exciting changes. Not only have we moved hotels, but we have also established a Press Corps, which will be covering the conference. Don't forget to check out our new blog as well! You

can access it at blog.cleg.org. I am very excited about this new branch because I feel that it will give a needed outlet to those interested in media & press activities. So remember to sign up next year!

Last year you elected some amazing officers! They have met for retreats & cultivated this whole conference with fresh ideas! Now is the time to start thinking about whether you would be interested in running for an office. It is a year-long commitment, but it is so much fun! Applications are due tomorrow, so look over your binder & fill out that form! Please feel free to contact the officer currently in that position if you have

any questions.

Finally, I want to thank you for the hard work you put in to get here. We have a lot of great bills & I know I am ready to witness your great debating skills! This conference would not exist without you & your passion!

I hope you have a wonderful time this week!

GET EXCITED!!!!!!

Shalon Hathcock

Conference Coordinator
2009

WELCOME TO YMCA COLLEGIATE LEGISLATURE 2009

I am so pleased to introduce a new addition to Collegiate Legislature this year!! This year we have added a Press Corps, which consists of a daily paper and a blog of all the events at C-Leg. The press will be covering stories throughout the conference and you will see them taking notes on the debate in chambers, taking

pictures, interviewing people, and performing a variety of other activities.

The blog will be updated in real time as to what is happening in chambers, as well as conference pictures and extra stories— so all the more reason to take a look! Please take the time to check out the wonderful job Kalyn Wolfe has done with the

blog at blog.cleg.org. We also have a great staff of contributing writers, photographers, and layout editors who are so generously donating their skills and their time to make the Press Corp amazing.

Have a wonderful conference!!

Ashley Weems

Press Corp Manager 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 5—Casual Dress

3-5:00: Registration

5-5:30: Chairs & Co-Chairs Meeting

5:30-6:45: Opening Reception

7-7:45: Opening Session

8-9:15: Committee Meetings

9:30-10:30: Activities

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45: Devotional

11:00: Rules Committee

Friday, March 6— Business Dress until supper

7:30: Breakfast (on your own!)

8:15: Buses operate to Capitol

9:00: Session 1

11:45: House Recess for Lunch

12:00: Senate Recess for Lunch

12:45: Session II (House)

1:15: Session II (Senate)

5:00: Joint Session

6:00-8:30: Dinner (on your own)

8:45-11:00: Vote for Officers

Saturday, March 7 Business Dress

9:00: General Assembly

12:00: Awards Lunch

1:30: Adjourn

OFFICER BIOSShalon Hathcock– JSU*Conference Coordinator*

Goal: Work in Event Planning

Christopher Dillard– ASU*Lt. Governor*

Goal: Masters in Business at UA

Moody Duff– JSU*Speaker of the House*

Goal: Howard University Law

Darnell Howard– ASU*President Pro-Tempore*

Goal: Grad School

Courtney Dennis– ASU*Speaker Pro-Tempore*

Goal: Vanderbilt MBA Program

Reggie Grays– ASU*Senate Floor Leader*

Goal: UAB Public Health Program

Brittani Holmes– AUM*House Floor Leader*

Goal: Pediatric Nurse

Ashley Rhea– BSC*Senate Clerk*

Goal: Law School

Michael Finn– JSU*House Clerk*

Goal: Masters in Int. Relations

Adam Turnipseed– Troy*Senate Chaplain*

Goal: Reporter for News Media

Wesley Thompson– UNA*House Chaplain*

Goal: Master of Divinity

Brandon Watkins– ASU*Senate Sgt. At Arms*

Goal: MBA in Business Admin.

Sa'de McClaney– JSU*Public Relations*

Goal: Pharmaceutical Sales

Ashley Weems– Auburn

Goal: Own independent pharmacy

C-LEG RULES OF THE ROAD OR WHEN IN ROME...

Tomorrow, YMCA C-Leg will descend upon the halls of the Capitol Building. Like any constructive endeavor, this invasion of the corridors of power carries its own share of risk.

SO! In the name of avoiding the resemblance of the proverbial 'bull-in-a-china-shop,' the Collegiate Times is providing you some simple rules for the avoidance of sundry state-house faux-pas.

1) Don't Eat in the Chambers~ Yes...we know you are

hungry...gnaw on your elbow. The last thing we want is for a state Legislator to find a half eaten tuna sandwich in their drawer. 2) Don't reorganize your desk~ Hey Martha Stewart...leave the desk alone! Resist the urge queen-of-clean! Place your materials on top of the tower of unread papers, resist opening drawers, and clean up after yourself! 3) Watch what you say~ Every room of the capitol complex has a speaker that pipes in the goings-on from the various chambers. "They"

can hear what you are saying...enough said... 4) Follow the dress code in chambers~ Guys, keep your jackets on. You are in the Statehouse, not the phi gamma alpha sigma kappa house. 4)Turn off your cell / I Phone / Mini supercomputer~ One little known fact is that people who use electronic devises at the Capitol Complex are later abducted by aliens from planet lorax.

-Chris Friedman

Conference Adviser

WELCOME BACK ALUMNI

Greetings to Conference alumni!!! I am happy to say that we are excited that you have sacrificed your time to come and see what amazing things are happening with YMCA Collegiate Legislature. The theme for this year is "I Heart C-Leg", and I can tell you that for the past 15 years now this once a year event is truly loved. This year marks an extraordinary year

for C-Leg as we are now celebrating the 15th year anniversary of this awesome experience. I can tell you now that we have truly grown and have been producing some very strong men and women who are making themselves known in the "real world" now. All I can tell you is that many people over the past few years earn you a huge debt of gratitude for how much you have

helped them grow. As you can see we have over 120 strong. C-Leg alumni continue to rock the leadership world and impress more statewide and national leaders. Certainly this program exhibits how we care for this blessed nation. This conference has come a long way in the last 15 years. This year we are beginning a Press corps for C-Leg.

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This is our first crack at this, so please be gentle to us as we learn to improve. We at C-Leg just want to say thank you for all you have done for us. God has greatly blessed this conference. Over the past 15 years, Collegiate Legislature has grown to include many new schools throughout the state of Alabama! We ask you this week to put on your suits, grab your briefcases and

take a trip down memory lane as we celebrate 15 years in YMCA Collegiate Legislature.

Sincerely,

Adam Turnipseed

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