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YMCA EXCEL

This summer, the YMCA is kicking off a brand new national conference completely dedicated to college students and recent college graduates. The inaugural EXCEL Collegiate Conference will be held this August in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. During this new collegiate experience, students will engage in the development of real world leadership skills, critically explore values and beliefs that underlie that leadership, and spend time networking with engaged college students from all across the country!



The conference will consist of small group exploration time, engaging and relevant keynote speakers, challenging exercises

and initiatives, networking time and outrageously fun games and events.

This year's event will take place August 13 – 16, 2009 at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, N.C.

Check out our website at www.ymcaxl.org for more details. You can also join our fan page on Facebook. If you have any questions, please talk to our EXCEL Planning Committee Members, Shalon Hathcock and Ashley Weems. Register online at the website early! Space is limited...

We hope to see you this summer on the mountain!

Chris Friedman

EXCEL Conference Director

CONGRATS TO NEW OFFICERS!!

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JUST DANCE: STUDIO 15

The party started off slowly as delegates returned from dinner and voting for their preferred candidates last night. But thanks to D.J. Turnipseed, the fun got started

with the "Cha Cha Slide." Students from all delegations danced the night away, making memories to last a lifetime (and maybe a few pictures to be used as blackmail!).

While some delegates danced, others watched from the tables set up. Overall, Studio 15 was a huge success.

Kelsey Butler



PASSED BILLS

Senate

S003
S004
S007
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House

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H031

Passed By Both Chambers

HB001
HB029

Check out blog.cleg.org for the General Assembly Bills that passed and the School Representatives for 2010!

ALSO—The Conference Directory will be posted. Check your email for the passcode.

SENATE/HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Senate

After lunch, the Senate began to debate bills that had passed in the House & were sent to the Senate. One such bill was "Supply of Treatment of HIV/AIDS Patients." Many senators squared off in the debate in support of the bill, stating that it would help treat many people suffering from this disease. However, many also argued against the bill, arguing that it is not the people's responsibility to pay for the healthcare of people who have contracted these

diseases. The rest of the afternoon featured bills on equal custody rights and replacing current electric light poles with solar lights.

Thanks to all of our amazing Senate delegates for a day of great debate!

Adam Turnipseed

House

Returning from lunch, delegates in the House were not ready for a nap but rather an energized afternoon of debate. First up was a bill con-

cerning Student Healthcare, which drew heavy debate. After such heavy debate, the joke bill titled "Legislation to Keep People from Wearing Saggy Pants & Shorts" gave the representatives a chance to catch their breath. The debate in the House of Representatives throughout the day was very impressive. Congratulations to our first-time delegates and our veterans for an awesome day in the House!

Kelsey Butler

COORDINATORS CORNER

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Conference Coordinator this year. I hope that you have had a wonderful time

Four years ago, I came to my first YMCA Collegiate Legislature

Conference and I have been hooked ever since! This conference has given me so much. Not only have I had a great time, but I have made memories to last a lifetime & found some of my best friends!

I thank you for your hard work during this conference and hope you come back next year!

Shalon Hathcock
Conference Coordinator 2009

YMCA COLLEGIATE LEGISLATURE 2010

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at C-Leg this year! We had a great group of officers and an even more amazing group of delegates who made this conference a fantastic experience. For graduating seniors, we are sad to see you go but hope you will return in 15 years for our 30th reunion, and for you freshmen, sophomores, & jun-

iors, we hope to see you back again next year more pumped than ever for more outstanding debate and exciting events. See you all March 4-6, 2010!! - Ashley Weems

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