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**“DEMOCRACY MUST BE LEARNED BY EACH GENERATION”**



## PRE-LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

On Saturday January 14, 2017, McKay High School, home to the Royal Scots, will host our annual Pre-Legislative Assembly. Our day will start at 8:00 am for check in and is scheduled to adjourn at 3:30 pm.

Please be prepared for a full day of campaigning, workshops, and making new friends. This year, students will again be responsible for providing their own lunch. There are a few restaurants nearby for those interested.

All students should plan to attend Pre-Leg so that they may receive instructions and valuable training on committee procedure, measure writing, presentation and debate. In addition, students will be electing their leaders for the upcoming Legislative Session the third week in February.

McKay High School is located at 2440 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem

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## Division of the House and Senate

This year, five schools will be participating in the Youth & Government Program. The schools will be separated into the House and Senate for purposes of electing Officers at Pre-Leg. The delegations are divided as follows:

- McKay High School—Senate
- Sherwood High School—House of Representatives
- Sprague High School—House of Representatives
- West Albany—Senate
- West Salem—Senate

## OFFICE VACANCIES

### Attention Students and Advisors!!

We have lots of vacancies for both the House and Senate. Please contact Nekole Baurer at [nbauer@theyonline.org](mailto:nbauer@theyonline.org) if any students would like to declare for candidacy. Students will be recognized and given a chance to campaign and speak at Pre-Leg as though they had timely filed for office.

Please be sure to refer to the officer qualifications and responsibilities to ensure the students are qualified.

Students are also welcome to run for other offices (except committee chair) as a write-in. However, they will not be recognized or given a chance to speak.



#### SENATE:

- READING CLERK
- SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - 2 CANDIDATES NEEDED

#### HOUSE:

- CLERK
- READING CLERK
- SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - 1 CANDIDATE NEEDED

## OFFICER CANDIDATES MEETING

Candidates for all offices except committee chair have a meeting at 8:10 am the morning of Pre-Leg. This is an important meeting and we would appreciate that all students running for office are aware of the meeting and will attend.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF DEADLINES

Whether we like it or not, deadlines are a part of life. Rosters need to be prepared, invoices must be created, bulletins and schedules need to go out, and reservations need to be made. If a deadline has been set, it is usually for a good reason and it is important that you do your best to meet it.

It is also important to realize that your delegation's reputation is affected by your ability to meet your obligations in a timely manner. As young adults, you will soon be entering a workforce that will evaluate you based on the quality of your work and your ability to meet deadlines.

I have included a few pointers that will help you to meet your next deadline.

- Be sure that you and your advisor are clear on deadlines and expectations. If you have questions, please seek clarification.
- Post a list of your upcoming deadlines in a noticeable location.
- Break your task down into manageable steps.
- Add a little cushion into your timeline, and work regularly on your project. You will want to avoid waiting until the last minute to work on your project.
- If you realize that you will not be able to meet your deadline for any reason, communicate with your advisor to request support or an extension if necessary.



## STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE

It is very important that you as students are familiar with the Standing Rules of Procedure at Pre-Leg. They will be used in committee sessions and on the floor of the mock House and Senate sessions.



Committee Chair, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House candidates will be evaluated on their ability to use the rules as part of their qualifications for office.

The Standing Rules of Procedure are available online at <http://theyonline.org/youth-government/>

## COMMITTEE CHAIR EVALUATIONS

Committee Chairs will be evaluated on several factors while at Pre-Leg. The candidates with the best scores will be given these very important leadership roles. Remember that they should be evaluated on their competency and qualifications rather on popularity.

The following is a list of the evaluation criteria:

- Keeps the committee on task
- Maintains control without domination or intimidation
- Has working knowledge of the Standing Rules and applies them properly
- Encourages participation by committee members
- Expresses themselves clearly
- Treats committee members with caring, honesty, and respect
- Facilitates discussion impartially
- Displays confidence

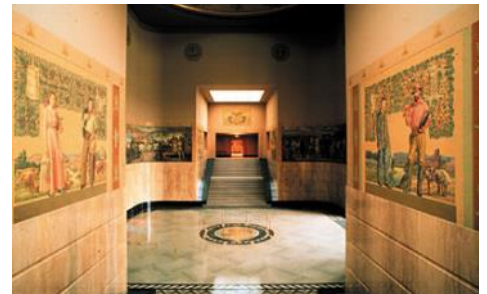
## CAMPAIGNING FOR OFFICE

Campaigning for office is an important part of the weeks leading up to Pre-Leg. Students are encouraged to make short videos of themselves speaking as to why they would make a good youth leader and what position they are seeking to hold. These videos can be submitted to the State Office and then posted on the Youth and Government Facebook page for their peers from other schools to view. <https://www.facebook.com/Oregon-State-YMCA-Youth-Government-1644884865759319/>

## PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED!

One of the key components of documenting all of our hard work is to have a photographic record. We are looking for aspiring photographers with an eye for style and an understanding of photography equipment.

This year we have sanctioned social media sites as well as our annual slide show that is presented at Friday night's Banquet. We would love to have a great showing of pictures this year. For more information, review the last page of Officer Qualifications.



Contact your advisor or Nekole Baurer if interested.

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## Youth & Government Pre-Legislature Conference McKay High School, Salem Oregon January 14, 2017

- 8:00 Check in – pick up materials in Commons  
Review contact information for accuracy
- 8:10 Officer and Committee Chairs Candidates Meeting - Conference room
- 8:30 Opening Session - Commons  
Welcome and Introductions – Youth Secretary of State, Arika Harrison  
Announcements & Overview– YMCA Program Director – Nekole Baurer  
Reading of the candidates for each officer position, announce open positions available
- 9:00 Speeches by Secretary of State Candidates w/Question & Answer Session
- 9:40 Split into House and Senate Groups – (Auditorium - H, Commons - S)  
Speeches by Officer Candidates w/Q&A  
Clerk  
Reading Clerk  
Sargent at Arms  
Speaker of the House/President of the Senate
- 10:30 Instructions on committee procedure, how today's committee evaluations will work  
Committee Chair candidates & committee advisors meet - Conference room
- 10:45 Committee Sessions – Classrooms TBA
- 11:45 Lunch in Commons  
Committee Chair Advisors turn in priority lists and evaluations
- 12:30 Speaker of the House/President of the Senate, Clerk, reading Clerk and Committee Chair candidates meet to set docket – Conference room
- 12:30 Break-Out Sessions  
Measure Writing Workshop – Dexter Johnson and staff -Auditorium  
Proper formatting/writing Workshop – Youth Advisors - Commons
- 2:00 Brain Break – Committee Cheers!! - Commons
- 2:15 House/Senate Session (Auditorium -H, Commons -S)
- 3:00 Vote for Secretary of State and leadership of the House/Senate
- 3:15 Plenary session – Commons  
Election results, Committee Chair results - Youth Secretary of State, Arika Harrison
- 3:30 Closing Statement and Adjournment