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YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

“DEMOCRACY MUST BE LEARNED BY EACH GENERATION”



West Salem High School

It's a Great Day to Be a Titan
-Ed John

PRE-LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

On Saturday January 12, 2019, West Salem High School, home of the Titan's 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. Students are responsible for providing their own lunch. Water and snacks will be available.

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 second weekend in February.

West Salem High School is located at 1776 Titan Dr. NW Salem, Oregon 97302.

Division of the House and Senate

This year, seven 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:

House of Representatives:

Sherwood, McKay, South Salem, McNary

Senate:

West Salem, West Albany, Sprague

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OFFICE VACANCIES

Attention Students and Advisors!!

We have vacancies for both the House and Senate. Please contact Nekole Baurer at nbauer@theyonline.org no later than January 10, 2019 if any students would like to declare for candidacy for the listed vacancies. 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 qualification.

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.

SECRETARY OF STATE:

- 2-4 CANDIDATES NEEDED

SENATE:

- PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
- SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
- READING CLERK
- SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - 2 CANDIDATES NEEDED

HOUSE:

- CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

COMMITTEES:

- COMMITTEE CHAIRS - 2-5 CANDIDATES NEEDED



WORDS OF WISDOM

"The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking."
~ Albert Einstein

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."
~ Thomas A. Edison

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
~ Mother Teresa

"Individual commitment to a group effort—that's what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."
~ Vince Lombardi

"Leaders can and should be team players, knowing when to guide others, and when to step back, listen, and collaborate."
~ Daniel Goleman

"The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become."
~ Heraclitus

"Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved."
~ Mattie Stepanek

"I never did anything alone. Whatever was accomplished in this country was accomplished collectively."
~ Golda Meir

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.



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

DRESS CODE

Badges shall be worn by individuals whose name is on the badge. **BADGE SWITCHING OR SHARING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Participants will wear their assigned badges at all times when they are not in their sleeping rooms, and must be able to produce their badge at all times. Badges are to be worn above the waist and must be visible. Badges are not to be defaced, decorated, or altered in anyway. Only advisors can request replacement badges.

Young women will be expected to wear conservative business dresses, skirt or pants outfits—no bare legs, spaghetti straps, low cut tops, or short dresses. Young men will be expected to wear a suit and tie, or sports combinations with collared shirt, tie, dress sport coat, and dress shoes. No paten sneakers.



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LODGING

Rooms and Conference facilities have been reserved at:

Comfort Suites
630 Hawthorne St.
Salem, OR

- Students: Up to five per room
- Adults: Up to two per room
- Amenities include:
 - Pool
 - Fitness center
 - Breakfast
 - Conference Rooms

Students will be transported to and from Salem on busses and vans driven by YMCA staff.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 10, 2019

- **Declarations of Candidacy due**

January 12, 2019

- **Pre-Leg**

January 19, 2019

- **Registration closes**

January 18, 2019

- **Final Draft of Bills due**

February 7-8, 2019

- **Annual Y&G Conference**

COMMITTEE CHAIR CANDIDATES

The maximum number of committee chair candidates allowed from any delegation is five. If you have Secretary of State or Speaker/President candidates who also wish to be considered for a committee chair position, they may run in addition to the four designated committee chair candidates (for a maximum of six). Committee chair candidates will be evaluated on their use of parliamentary procedure when running a committee at Pre-Leg. Please be prepared for Pre-Leg by practicing parliamentary procedure at your club meetings or practice groups.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The code of conduct reminds students that all school policies (including zero tolerance policies) are in effect during all Youth and Government program activities. It also outlines what the YMCA Youth & Government program expects during the conference including appropriate dress, participation and behavior. Advisors, students and parents, please review this carefully during registration. All rules will remain the same in regard to no cell phone use on the floor of the House or Senate.



MEASURE SUBMISSION

Students are required to submit their measures to their advisors for final review and approval. The measures will then be forwarded on to YMCA staff for processing and preparation. It is important that all measures submitted are correctly formatted and ready for publishing. You can find measure instructions on our website <http://theyonline.org/youth-government/>



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Included in this bulletin, you will find a form to declare for candidacy. If you think that you will be running for a leadership position, please complete and return this form to the State Office no later than January 10, 2019.

All candidates must attend Pre-Leg on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at West Salem High School for the election process.

Students who do not submit this form may run as write-in candidates for Secretary of State, President, Speaker, Secretary of the Senate, Chief Clerk of the House, Reading Clerk, or Sgt.at.Arms at Pre-Leg. However, they will not be introduced, give a speech or preside over a session.

All Gubernatorial, House, and Senate candidates, including write-ins, are allowed to put up signs, lobby and campaign. Candidates are encouraged to submit short campaign videos to post on the Oregon State YMCA Youth & Government Facebook page. Costumes, props or visual aids will not be allowed during election speeches at pre-leg.

All leaders elected by their peers will be provided leadership training on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Comfort Suites Hotel. Elected leaders will have the option of staying Wednesday night at the hotel for no additional cost.



STUDENT RESOURCES

Be sure to visit our website at <http://theyonline.org/youth-government/> to get resources including:

- Calendar
- Bill Templates
- Delegate Workbook

CAMPAIGN SPEECHES

All candidates that have filed for elected offices are required to give a campaign speech at Pre-Leg. The maximum length of the speeches is as follows:

- Secretary of State: 4 minutes
- President of the Senate: 3 minutes
- Speaker of the House: 3 minutes
- Other House/Senate: 2 minutes



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:



Michael and Judy Hall



Declaration of Candidacy 2018-19

Name _____ Grade _____

School/YMCA/Club _____

E-Mail _____ Phone (____) _____

I HEREBY DECLARE MY CANDIDACY FOR THE OFFICE BELOW (check one):

*(If running for Secretary of State, Speaker or President and you wish to run for committee chair if not elected, please check Committee Chair option also. **Candidates for Secretary of State, Speaker, President, Clerk and Committee Chair must have at least one year prior experience as a legislator in Oregon YMCA Youth and Government).***

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|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| Secretary of State | _____ | _____ Committee Chair (optional) |
| President of the Senate | _____ | _____ Committee Chair (optional) |
| Speaker of the House | _____ | _____ Committee Chair (optional) |
| Secretary of the Senate | _____ | |
| Chief Clerk of the House | _____ | |
| Reading Clerk (House or Senate) | _____ | |
| Sgt.-at-Arms (House or Senate) | _____ | |
| Committee Chair | _____ | |

Biographical information

Please submit responses to the following on a separate piece of paper. Limit your responses to one page, Verdana font, size 10. Please provide a photograph of yourself to accompany this declaration which will be published in the candidate pamphlet.

- Previous Youth Legislature experience
- School activities (committees, clubs, leadership, relevant course work, etc.)
- Civic activities (church, YMCA, Service groups, etc.)
- Reasons for seeking office

I have read the qualifications and duties of the office which I am seeking, and if elected, will prepare myself to carry out my responsibilities to the best of my ability. I will attend the Pre-Legislative Assembly and the Wednesday Workshop for Legislative Leaders.

_____ Signature
of Candidate _____ Date

The above candidate meets all of the qualifications and responsibilities as outlined in "Qualifications and Responsibilities of Officers". This candidate will attend the Pre-Legislative Assembly and the Wednesday Workshop for Legislative Leaders.

_____ Date
Signature of Advisor _____



2019 Youth & Government Pre-Legislature Assembly
West Salem High School, Salem Oregon
Tentative Agenda - January 12, 2019

8:00	Registration Pick up packets, bill books, committee assignments	
8:15	Officer and Committee Chairs candidates meet	TBD
8:30	Opening Session Welcome and Introductions Announcements	TBD
8:45	Introduction of the Candidates First reading of the Officer candidates Speeches by Secretary of State candidates w/Q&A session	TBD
9:30	Split into House and Senate Groups Speeches by Officer Candidates w/Q&A Chief Clerk/Secretary of the Senate Reading Clerks Sargent at Arms Speaker of the House/President of the Senate	H – TBD S – TBD
10:15	Instructions on committee procedure Committee Chair candidates & committee advisors meet	TBD TBD
10:30-11:45	Break-Out Sessions Measure Writing Workshop Parliamentary Procedure and Debate Workshop Individualized help	TBD TBD TBD
11:45-12:30	Lunch (Additional help available if needed from break-out sessions)	
12:30	Committee Sessions Classrooms	
1:30	Committee Chair Advisors turn in priority lists and evaluations President/Speaker and Clerk Candidates meet to set docket	TBD
1:45	House/Senate Sessions President/Speaker candidates preside for equal time Debate on measures from committee sessions	
2:45	Elections	H – TBD S – TBD
3:00	Plenary session Election results, Committee Chair results Poll of delegations for election of Clerks/Sgt. At Arms	TBD
3:30	Closing Statement and Adjournment	