

# Tomorrow TODAY

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## Mayer right: 'Our generation is going to rule the population'

By Jonathan Quisenberry  
2010 Youth Governor

Welcome to the 62nd annual YMCA Youth Legislature Conference! You are in for a great experience this weekend as we take charge of our state government and learn the lessons of representative democracy.

For those of you who don't know me yet, I am a big John Mayer fan, and I believe he is right when he sings that "*one day our generation is going to rule the population.*" Our work here this weekend is very important because we are the future leaders of our state and nation.

I can assure you that your Youth Legislature experience will be a great one, if you have adequately prepared yourself for it. In other words, you will get out of this weekend whatever you put into it. I hope that you have worked



Youth Governor Jonathan Quisenberry is ready for the 2010 session of Youth Legislature.

hard crafting and polishing your bills! I challenge you to look for opportunities to speak in chambers! Step out of your "*comfort zone*" and participate in the democratic process in every way possible. Learn as much as you can, and have fun doing it. Most importantly, go out of your way to meet new people and build relationships with them. Realize that

this opportunity is fleeting and rare, and make the most of it.

I look forward to meeting each of you during the conference. If I can do anything to make your Youth Leg experience better, please let me or any of the other officers know. I challenge all of you to step out of your comfort zone, actively participate each day, and of course, HAVE FUN!



Youth Gov. Jonathan Quisenberry met with Gov. Bob Riley earlier this week in the governor's office. The actual governor advised the youth governor to do as Davy Crockett said: "Be always sure you are right, then go ahead."

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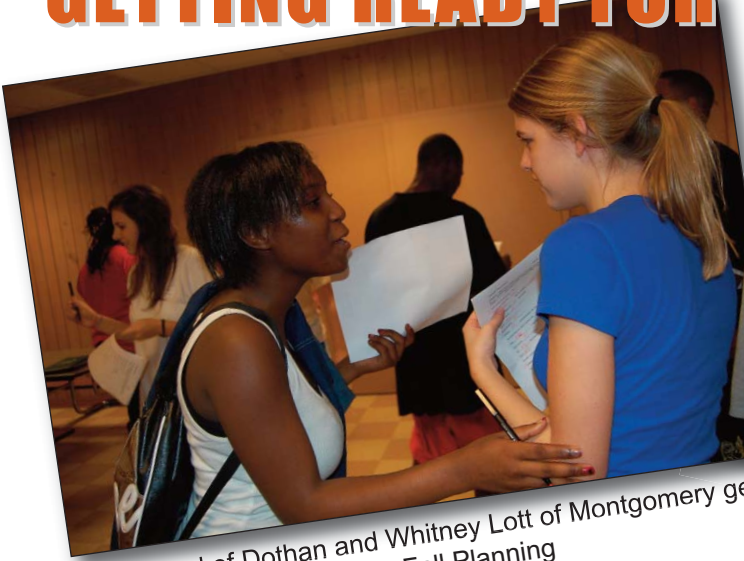
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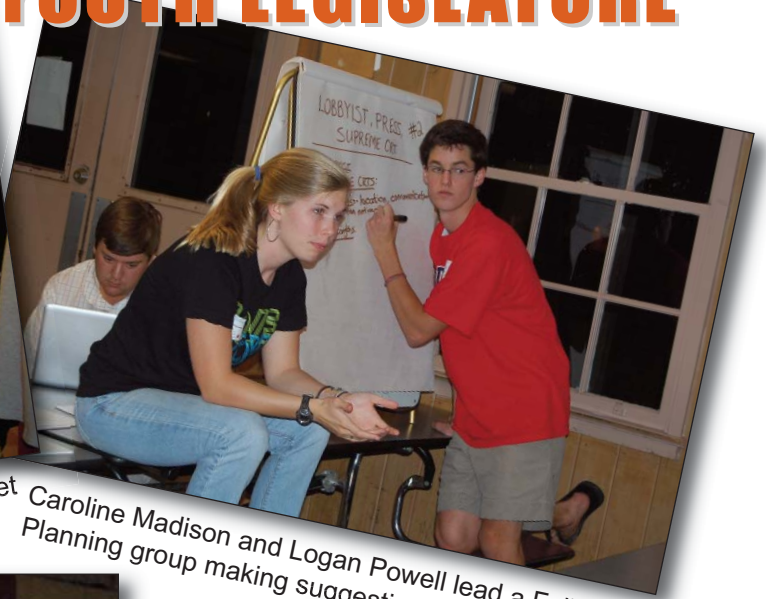
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# GETTING READY FOR YOUTH LEGISLATURE



Alison Ward of Dothan and Whitney Lott of Montgomery get to know each other better at Fall Planning



Caroline Madison and Logan Powell lead a Fall Planning group making suggestions for Youth Leg.



Mary Parrish Cobb presents a bill during a District Meeting.



House Speaker Amanda Pfluke makes notes during Officers' Training.



Brannen McMahan makes a point during District Meeting debate.



Alabama Department of Industrial Relations directors Tom Surtees and Mallory Thompson compare notes.



College staff help facilitate at Fall Planning.

## Candidates seek legislative posts for 2011 session

Those seeking office in contested races for the 2011 Youth In Government Program will give speeches during joint sessions either tonight or Saturday afternoon:

### GOVERNOR

**Ebony Moore**, a junior at Huffman High School in Birmingham.

**Brannen McMahan**, a junior at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**Logan Powell**, a junior at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

**Hastings Johnson**, a junior at UMS-Wright in Mobile.

### SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

**Whitney Lott**, a junior at Trinity

Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

**Elizabeth Roth**, a junior at Enterprise High School.

### HOUSE FLOOR LEADER

**David Kinstley**, a sophomore at Briarwood in Birmingham.

**Trey Ingram**, a junior at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

**Michael Halvorson**, a sophomore at the Alabama School of Math and Science in Mobile.

### SECRETARY OF STATE

**Patty Maxham**, a junior at Enterprise High School.

**Dakin Hill**, a sophomore at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

### UNCONTESTED RACES

#### SENATE PRO TEMPORE

**Taylor Lollar**, a sophomore at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

#### HOUSE PRO TEMPORE

**Madison Singleton**, a junior at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

#### SENATE FLOOR LEADER

**Mary Parrish Cobb**, a sophomore at LAMP in Montgomery.

#### FIRST YEAR PRESIDING OFFICER

**Chad DuBois**, a freshman at Catholic Preparatory School in Montgomery.

#### ELECTED at YOUTH JUDICIAL

CHIEF JUSTICE: **Danielle Phillips**, a junior at Spain Park High School in Birmingham.