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Delegates pledge to be fair and honest during the opening session of the 2016 Youth Judicial program.

Appreciate and take advantage of this weekend, Judge Borden says

By Erica Gage and Eden Hipps
Tomorrow TODAY Staff Writers

Before any trial can begin or any judge can take office, witnesses and judges take an oath. Before the YMCA Youth Judicial conference began, U.S. Magistrate Judge Gray Borden swore in all delegates and judges.

"I can tell you, what you are doing this weekend is every bit as authentic and realistic as anything you will ever do, other than standing up in front of a judge and jury and actually trying a case. Appreciate it and take advantage of it," he said.

Delegates and judges swore to be fair, honest, and morally aware in all conference endeavors.

Prior to participants and judges being sworn in, Youth Gov. Ford Cleveland welcomed all delegates and confessed this is his favorite Youth in Government conference. "This conference is bound to be special," since there are more delegates at the 2016 conference than ever before, he said.

He stresses that the conference is not about who wins the most awards. "What people will remember the most are the memories and friendships that will be made," he said. Cleveland concluded by giving all delegates a piece of advice: "Go all-in this weekend, because this conference will have a major effect on you."



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 Seafood - 105 Commerce St.
wintzellsysterhouse.com
 \$10-\$29: Walking Distance
 Dress Code: Nice Casual
 Open until 10 p.m.



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 BBQ - 101 Tallapoosa St.
dreamlandbbq.com/montgomery
 \$8-\$22 : Walking Distance
 Dress Code: Casual
 Open until 9 p.m.



Wasabi Japanese Cuisine
 Sushi - 117 Coosa St.
 \$12 -\$32 : In the Alley
 Dress Code: Casual
 Open until 10 p.m.



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 Dress Code: Casual
 Open until 9 p.m.

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"What you do this weekend matters. It makes a difference," said Chris Friedman.

'Make an impression on your peers and have fun,' Friedman says

By Mary Pruitt Mantel
 Tomorrow Today Staff Writer

During the opening ceremony of Youth Judicial, Chris Friedman, the writer of the case that will be tried this weekend, challenged every delegate to take the weekend seriously but still have fun.

His second challenge was to treat others well. "You will see these people again, and they will remember how you treated them, not who won the trial."

"You have an enormous opportunity this weekend to make an incredible impression on your peers; peers who will be leaders of this state," Friedman

said. "Did you get out of your own little clique? Your school group? Did you meet people from Mobile? From Montgomery? You're from Huntsville, did you meet some people from Auburn? Guys, this is a huge opportunity. Rarely do you get to meet people from all across Alabama," he said.

Friedman is an attorney associated with the Birmingham-based law firm Balch & Bingham. His clients include publicly traded companies, public utilities, municipalities, nonprofits, and quasi-governmental entities. He is a graduate of the Cumberland School of Law, Vanderbilt University and Birmingham-Southern College.

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