

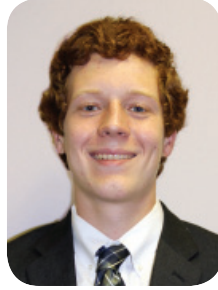
Get to know your House officers



House Speaker
Henry Hamlett



Speaker Pro Tem
Brian Anderson



Floor Leader
Aubrey Grant



Asst. Floor Leader
Miller Johnson

**If you could live in any TV sitcom,
which would it be and why?**

Parks and Rec.
I love the show and I love Leslie Knope's commitment to government.

Eighteen-year-old Henry Hamlett of Montgomery is a senior at Montgomery Academy.

Seinfeld, because it's a show that I find hilarious, and I also can relate the show to many situations that I find myself in.

Brian Anderson, 17, is a junior at Montgomery's Catholic High School.

Parks and Rec, because I'm basically Ron Swanson.

Aubrey Grant, 17, is a junior at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

The Office, because I think the show is funny and it makes me laugh.

Miller Johnson, 15, is a sophomore at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

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Youth Gov. Noah McNelley addresses the media at Friday's news conference.

**News time with Noah:
Gov. shares his inspirations**

By LaShana Estes and Anna Claire Bullard TomorrowTODAY writers

After Communications Director Olivia Pride introduced him, 2016 Youth Gov. Noah McNelley never skipped a breath as he answered questions during his Friday news conference.

McNelley began the interview by saying he is blessed to have this opportunity. His biggest regret is not opening up in his earlier years of ALYIG. He said his goals for each delegate are to try new

things, take advantage of the opportunity to meet new people and enjoy this great experience.

The governor gives 2014 Youth Gov. Chad DuBois and 2015 Chief Justice Bea Tisher credit for encouraging him. At Fall Planning, DuBois convinced him to run for First Year Presiding Officer, which led him to pursue the youth governor position. When asked what inspired him to be youth governor, McNelley said he has known since his first conference he wanted

to run for governor.

He said he will be attending University of Alabama in the fall and hopes to go to law school and work in Washington, D.C., afterwards. McNelley aspires to work in the White House, but he values each of the relationships he has obtained during his time in ALYIG and will always remember the impact Youth in Government has had on his success in life. He hopes to return as a college staff while attending the University of Alabama.

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Lobbyists pose with guest speakers William Canary and Sean Strickler.

Youth lobbyists learn from adult lobbyists

By Meagan Holloway-Ragland
TomorrowTODAY staff writer

Lunch with the lobbyists was full of excitement as they dined in the RSA Plaza. The lobbyists were fortunate enough to be able to eat with professional lobbyists and ask questions about their career.

After the food was served, Head Lobbyist Madison Riggins introduced William Canary as the special guest speaker. Canary is the president and chief executive officer of the Business Council of Alabama. The BCA is involved in developing jobs in the economy and education. He touched on some of the essentials of being a lobbyist. He stresses doing your homework because information is power. You have to know what you're advocating for (or against) from every angle. He points out that in this line of work, there are no permanent friends or enemies. You absolutely must be committed to your job. He goes on to describe of kinds of people in the world — yes or no. Yes: People pursue a dream or a goal, take chances and have amazing opportunities.



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William Canary speaks to the lobbyists.

No: People have no goals — and therefore no vision. These are ideals Canary has built his career on and he urges our young lobbyists to do the same.

The lobbyist lunch was a great learning opportunity for many aspiring politicians and lobbyists in the lobbyist program. By learning from the best, their chances of success have been increased, and so has their will to succeed.

Read interview with Lobbyist Sean Strickler at alyig.org/blog

Supreme Court determines constitutionality

By Daisy Bruce,
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Friday afternoon, First Year Delegate Jonathan Strange, Montgomery - Brew Tech, defended his bill on "Single Sex Education" before Youth Legislature's Supreme Court. This bill intends to separate public schools by gender, and give the students a homogenous environment. He stated the schools would not be within 150 feet of each other. The controversial aspect of this bill was where to place transgender and gender-fluid people. The resolution in his bill

was to place them with their biological gender.

The Supreme Court had many problems with this part of the bill, therefore the bill was declared unconstitutional and in violation of the 14th amendment.

The Supreme Court's job is to determine if bills are unconstitutional. Throughout the conference the justices hear bills that are challenged as unconstitutional or that they feel are unconstitutional. The justices said they enjoy hearing the arguments for and against the bills. When considering bills, they use past cases and the Constitution to guide their decisions.



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Jonathan Strange defends his bill before the Youth Supreme Court in Friday afternoon's session.