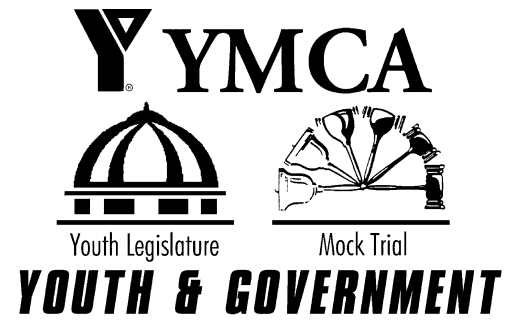


# Capitol Quarterly



The YMCA Youth & Government Newsletter

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*Edited By: Sarah Rosenthal, YMCA Youth and Government Program Coordinator*

## ***New Faces in Youth and Government***

As many of you know, there have been some big changes going on in the Youth and Government State Office. After a very busy fall on her own, Janelle is thrilled to have some help and support. So be prepared to speak to some new voices and see some new faces when you call or stop by the office.

### ***ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT***

**Kandace (Kandi) Lee** has worked in Sate government for a total of six years. She began her state career as an Eligibility Certification Specialist for the State of Nevada's Welfare Division where she determined cash assistance, food stamps and medical eligibility for families in need. From there Kandi moved into the position of Accounting Specialist with the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services. Once in Washington, she worked in the Department of Health as an Administrative Secretary where she set up a new department and assisted the manager and staff in day-to-day program operations. Since her arrival in December, Kandi has been an organizational goddess, sifting through the chaos of the hectic fall and helping to run the state office in an efficient and effective manner.

### ***PROGRAM COORDINATOR***

**Sarah Rosenthal** has been involved in the YMCA Youth and Government Program for the past eight years. After participating as a delegate in the Youth Legislature throughout high school, Sarah volunteered as an advisor for the program during college. After graduating from Western Washington University with Bachelor of Art's degrees in Recreation Programming and Sociology she worked as a wilderness guide for a variety of organizations. Most recently, however, Sarah has been working as a museum educator for the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Sarah is excited to be involved in a new aspect of Youth Legislature, and to experience the Mock Trial Program for the first time. She is full of energy and enthusiasm and is enjoying the learning opportunities that are coming her way in her new position.

## ***"Raising the Flag"***

### ***ANNUAL CAMPAIGN RESULTS***

As a result of the hard work and generosity of countless individuals our annual campaign raised over \$105,000! On behalf of the Board of Directors and program participants, we would like to thank all of our contributors for making the Youth and Government Program available to youth around the state. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Virginia Stout for her contribution. Her matching challenge to the board, in the name of her late husband and former board member Bill Sieverling, added much enthusiasm and spirit to our campaign. Special thanks also go out to Garrison Kurtz and Scott Washburn, our campaign chairs, for their hard work and dedication to the program.



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# Board Update

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## NEWLY ELECTED BOARD POSITIONS

### INTRODUCING JENNIFER JOLY AS BOARD SECRETARY...

Jennifer Joly was named General Counsel to Governor Gary Locke in November 2002. She provides legal advice to the Governor and his staff regarding vetoes, clemency and pardons, ethics, public records, executive orders and emergency proclamations, and appeals of agency rulemaking. She also manages the judicial appointment process.

Jennifer, prior to her appointment as General Counsel, was Governor Locke's Legislative Director for two years. As Legislative Director, she worked on the development and promotion of the Governor's legislative agenda, coordinated legislation proposed by the Governor's cabinet agencies, and acted as a liaison between legislators, lobbyists and the Governor.

Prior to her tenure as Legislative Director, Jennifer served as non-partisan House Counsel. In that capacity, she advised House members and staff on legal issues of interest to the House of Representatives, particularly ethics and public disclosure.

Jennifer has also worked as Governor Locke's Transportation Policy Adviser, and as Counsel to the Legislative Transportation Committee, where she began her career in state government as a legal intern in 1992.

Jennifer is a graduate of the University of Washington and holds a law degree from Seattle University. She has been a member of the YMCA Youth and Government Board for 3 years.

### ...AND SAM BOVARD AS BOARD TREASURER

**Sam Bovard** oversees the eight Key Centers with over 60 employees in Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm and Shelton. He is responsible for service delivery and business development for the retail and small business segments within this market for Key Bank.

Sam has over 20 years experience within the financial services industry. Before coming to Olympia, he was area sales leader for Key in the Portland area.

Sam has a B.A. in Business Administration from Washington State University, is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado and completed a nine-month curriculum with Leadership Clark County.

Before moving to Olympia, Sam served on the Clark County YMCA board of managers. He was a member of the program committee, served as chair of the annual fund raising campaign for 2002 and 2003 and was board chair. Sam was also selected by the Mayor of Vancouver to serve on the city's Charter Review Committee. YMCA Youth and Government is delighted to have Sam as our Board Treasurer.

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### *BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

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# Youth Legislature

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After three long, cramped years in makeshift quarters, participants of the 58th Annual Youth Legislature are ready to take over the Legislative Building once again! And, while it will feel good to get back into the comfortable and familiar rooms that we know and love, we also have the opportunity to use some of the new and improved spaces added during the construction.

## PROGRAM UPDATE

Our advisors around the state have been doing an amazing job of recruiting students and growing delegations. We currently have nearly 400 students registered for this year's event in May.

District events have begun and the process of electing new leadership is well underway. Participants are vying for positions within their districts such as Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms, as well as coveted state positions such as Secretary of State and Youth Governor.

## FROM THE DESK OF GOVERNOR JENKINS

*One of my top priorities this year is to extend communication between student leadership and delegates from around the state. Ergo, I have created an official Governor's Website. You can access this page by going to our state website (<http://www.youthandgovernment.org>) and clicking on the "58th Youth Governor's Page" link in the left-hand column. From there you can access my Blog which will be updated routinely through May, as well as the materials necessary to apply for a position on my cabinet. I'm looking forward to hearing from you, so please comment or send me an e-mail with any concerns, questions, or just to say hello. Good luck in your upcoming events!*

*Sincerely,*

*Joe Jenkins*

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# Mock Trial

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The Mock Trial Program is bursting at the seams this year! Thanks to the fantastic work by our district conveners we currently have 58 teams registered to compete in district events around the state. These competitions are going on throughout the month of February with the state championship scheduled for Friday, March 18 through Sunday, March 20, 2005.

## THE CASE

This winter teams have been busily preparing for the case "Falling Dominoes": *The State of Washington v. Whislea Dwight*, authored by the Honorable William L. Downing. The defendant, a member of a group of magicians known as "The Dominoes", is standing trial for a murder that took place several years ago. This case "raise(s) hot issues involving both the logical but sometimes *illusive* world of cause & effect and the often more *elusive* realm of personal responsibility." (Downing, Case Introduction) If you would like to read this year's case, you can find it at [youthandgovernment.org](http://youthandgovernment.org).

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Honorable Judge William Downing deserves special recognition for his appearance in the National Mock Trial News Letter. After fifteen years of involvement in the program Judge Downing looks at what he thinks to be some of the most important effects that Mock Trial has on students. He highlights the importance of the ability for young people to question the status quo and think critically about issues, problems and ideas.

To read Judge Downing's article go to [www.nationalmocktrial.org](http://www.nationalmocktrial.org) and click on the November 2004 "Mock Trial Matters" newsletter.



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# YMCA YOUTH & GOVERNMENT ALUMNI MESSAGE



Former Senator Betti Sheldon, 23rd Legislative District, Washington State Senate Alumni and former member of the YMCA Youth and Government Board of Directors

“Democracy must be learned by each generation.” That was the idea of Clement Duran of New York when he created the YMCA Youth & Government program in 1936. Those seven words have since been the motto and backbone of the program. Mr. Duran created the program for our young people believing that our country deserved better educated politicians with genuine character and integrity.

Almost 70 years later, the program is still active in almost every state in the nation. I joined the program back when I was a high school student in Prosser, Washington. My Youth & Government experience helped plant the seeds to my 12-year public service as a member of the Washington State Senate.

After I graduated high school, running for public office was the last thing on my mind. I got married, had five wonderful children, and spent most of my adult life raising my family. Once my youngest child was grown up and out of the house, I started to become more active in my local community. I was asked by a good friend of mine to join the Youth & Government Board of Directors – a position I proudly held for nine years. Soon after I joined the board, I began my career in the Senate.

In my third year as a Senator, I was approached by that year’s Youth & Government class with a very important issue that needed to be addressed by the Legislature. Nationwide, the demand for organ donations far exceeded the available supply.

In 1995, the 47<sup>th</sup> Youth Legislature asked me to sponsor a Senate bill (SB 5575) that would allow 16 and 17 year-olds to become organ donors with the consent of their parent or guardian. SB 5575 was modeled after a similar bill created and approved by the Youth Legislature. SB 5575 passed the State Legislature unanimously and became law later that summer.

The Youth & Government program has greatly developed and matured since my experience in high school. I have had the pleasure of observing many model youth legislatures over the last several years and have been extremely impressed by the young men and women in each group. They are focused and knowledgeable about politics and the world today.

Former Speaker of the US House of Representatives Tip O’Neill was famous for stating, “all politics is local.” I couldn’t agree with him more. Of all the different levels of government, our daily lives are most impacted by the decisions made by our local and state elected officials. The Youth and Government program is an excellent tool to inspire and educate young people about the importance of becoming involved in the political process. I am extremely proud to be a graduate, former board member, and life-long supporter of the program. “Democracy must be learned by each generation.”



## We can always use your help!

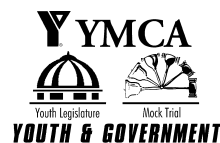
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**Questions?** Give us a call!  
We'd love to hear from you!

# *YMCA Youth and Government Calendar of Events*

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## *February:*

- 10      *"Y" Advocacy Day*
- 5      *Youth Leg. District 3 Event*
- 12      *Whatcom Mock Trial Event*  
*Spokane Mock Trial Event*  
*Youth Leg. District IV Event*  
*Youth Leg. District II Event*
- 19      *King County Mock Trial Event*  
*Pierce/Thurston Mock Trial Event*
- 23      *Youth Leg. Proclamation Signing*  
*Clark County Mock Trial Event*
- 24      *Clark County Mock Trial Event*
- 26      *Youth Leg. District I Event*  
*Franklin/Benton Mock Trial Event*  
*Clallam/Jefferson Mock Trial Event*

## *March:*

- 12      *Youth and Government Board*  
*Meeting*  
*Youth Leg. Program Committee*  
*Meeting*
- 18 - 20      *Mock Trial State Championship*

## *April:*

- 22 - 24      *Youth Leg. Leadership Training*

## *May:*

- 4 - 7      *58th Youth Legislative Session*
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