



YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

October 2019

YMCA OF MEMPHIS & THE MID-SOUTH



Officer Leadership Conference

Last month marked the 11th year of the YMCA Officer Leadership Conference. Twenty nine Memphis students joined 149 officers from across the state. The 178 officers from all five conferences (MUN and YIG) met in Nashville at the YMCA of Middle Tennessee's Camp Widjiwagan to prepare for the upcoming year.

The theme "What If I Were You?" set the stage of discussing and emphasizing Servant Leadership. Guest speakers trained the students in communication, cultural humility, philanthropy, servant leadership and parliamentary procedure. Students discussed conference issues and problem solving techniques.

The Egg Drop team building activity provided hands on training of walking through obstacles during a time constraint. A special moment was when the officers surprised St. Mary's Alum (2004) and now Center Civic Engagement Associate Director Elise Dugger with a baby shower. She was given over 120 books to start a library for her awaiting daughter.

The weekend ended with each officer sharing an "aha moment" and a devotional from State Director, Susan Moriarty, reiterating the theme "What If I Were You?" The weekend helped set the stage for another exciting year of conferences and great student leadership.

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YIG Alumni Seeking Office

IN UPCOMING OCTOBER 3RD CITY ELECTIONS



Jim Strickland, CBHS alum (1982), is running for re-election for City Mayor. Mayor Strickland began serving as Mayor for the City of Memphis in 2016.



Tami Sawyer, St. Mary's alum (2000), is running for City Mayor. Tami is currently serving as County Commissioner and is the Managing Director of Diversity & Community partnerships for Teach for America-Memphis.



Chase Carlisle, MUS alum (2003), is running for City Council seat in District 9 Position 1. Chase is a senior member of the leadership team of Avison Young and is the Vice President of Consulting & Advisory Development.



Worth Morgan, MUS alum (2005) is running for re-election for City Council District 5. Worth is a Sales Executive for Sunstar Insurance of Memphis and currently represents District 5 on the City Council.

We are proud of our YIG alums and wish them the best in the elections!

Did You Know

Did you know the YMCA of Memphis & the Mid-South provided \$10,225 to 42 Middle and High School students last school year, so they could participate in Model UN and Youth in Government Conferences?

Thank you to our generous Contributors for providing these students an opportunity!

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