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### **YMCAs Gear up for Youth & Government Program**

Manchester, NH - The YMCAs of New Hampshire held their annual New Hampshire Youth & Government Program involving 30 schools; 330 teens and school advisors/YMCA volunteers.

The motto of the YMCA Youth & Government Program is “Democracy must be learned by each generation.” The program gives high school students the opportunity to learn first-hand about state government through two major phases held in March.

The Pre-Legislative Election Day was held on Saturday, March 6th. During the Pre-Legislative Elections, the following students were elected as key officers for the 2010 program:

Youth Governor	Patrick Church	White Mountains Regional High School
Senate President	Stephen Prescott	Hollis-Brookline High School
House Speaker	Mike Magnanelli	Plymouth Regional High School
Chief Justice	Tyler Reidy	Plymouth Regional High School

The final phase of the program, the Model Legislature, is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, March 19-20 in Concord, NH. During the two days delegates will discuss and debate some 140 bills prepared as part of the program. Executive Councilor, Raymond Burton, and Henry Veilleux, Sheehan & Phinney Capitol Group serve as Co-Chairs of New Hampshire’s YMCA Youth & Government Program which is sponsored by the NH/VT State Alliance of YMCAs. Corporate sponsors for 2010 are: National Grid, Nextera Energy, BAE Systems, and Waste Management, Inc. For further information on YMCA Youth & Government please contact Debi Clark Valentine, Director, at 603-623-3558 or [dvalentine@gmfymca.org](mailto:dvalentine@gmfymca.org).