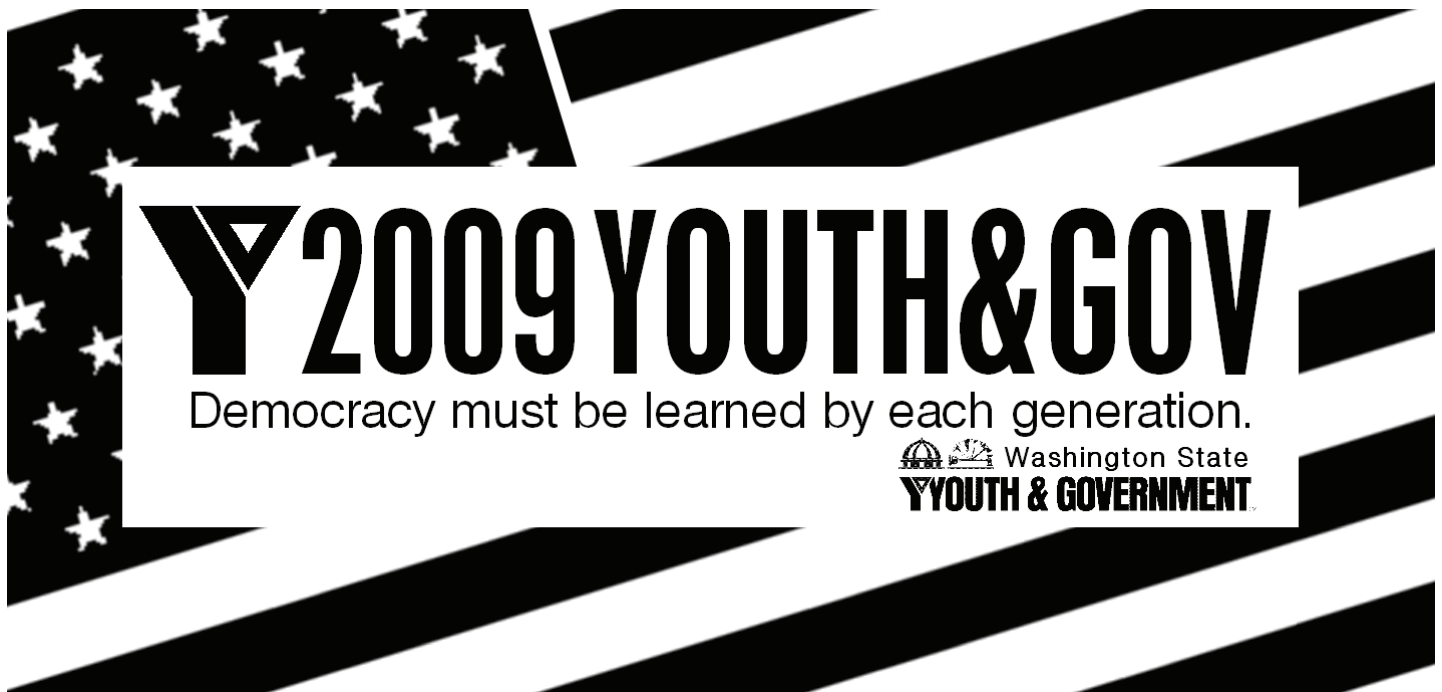


2009 VOTERS



PAMPHLET

“Democracy must be learned by each generation.”

Edition 7

Governor

Mitch Wilson, District I



Grade: 10
Delegation: Stillaguamish Valley
Years in Youth Leg: 2

As I reflect on the current economic issues facing our state & nation, and the escalating instability in the Middle East & Afghanistan, I am more aware than ever the importance of serving my country.

My interest in current events and politics started when I was 12. I immediately engaged in programs that would help develop my leadership skills and allowed me to begin my journey of service in my community, state & country.

Along the way I've received recognition and reached goals that will contribute to my career.

Some include:

- **2007 "Captain Van Award" from United States Sea Cadet Corps**, extraordinary Service and Outstanding Dedication
- **2008 "Son's of the American Revolution Medal**, outstanding community service.

The combined experience I have acquired along with my passion for service to my community and country gives me a great foundation to serve as Youth Governor.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Johnny Krueger, District II



Delegation: Lakeside
Grade: 11
Years in Youth Leg: 3
Related Experience:
Leadership Pick 2006 & 2007
2008 D2 Lobbyist of the Year

Statement: My name is Johnny Krueger and I attend Lakeside School in Seattle. Over my past two years in Youth and Government, I have learned an incredible amount of information not only about the governmental process, but also about the delegates around me. It has been amazing each year; first being a Senator in Cherberg and second, a Lobbyist Executive. I hope to expand my experience in Youth and Government and therefore, wish to run for Governor. I want to do this because I think that I really have what it takes. I am a great listener, but am also able to lead diligently and get work done. I will keep the mood light, while going about business and keeping the Capital under control. Please help me in making the 63rd session the best yet!

Candidates

Mason Clark, District IV



Grade Level: 11
Delegation: Dayton
Years in Youth Leg: 3

Hi I am Mason Clark the tall guy with blonde hair running for governor. I am offering a lot to Youth and Government that our club needs. If elected, I will be responsible, responsive to problems, and above all else have integrity. I have a clear vision of where I want this great program to go and I want it to soar to new heights not known to our previous years. Besides being passionate about Youth and Government I am actively engaged in other clubs in my high school. I play soccer, and am in FBLA, drama, and band.

Erik Larson, District V



Delegation: Grays Harbor
Grade Level: 11th
Years in Youth Leg: 3
Positions held in Youth Leg: OB Representative, House Representative, Senator
Related Experience:

Aberdeen High School Swim Team Captain
YMCA of Grays Harbor Leadership Club – Vice President
YMCA of Grays Harbor – Camp Bishop Counselor
Washington State Youth & Gov't Outstanding Representative 2008

Statement: Hopefully most of you have seen me around the Capitol before, but for those of you who haven't had a chance to talk, my name is Erik Larson. I am currently a Junior at Aberdeen High School. I am a full time Running Start student and a captain of our swim team. This is my third year in Youth & Government. Last year, I was chosen to be Most Outstanding Representative. I will also be representing the state of Washington for the 2009 CONA conference.

Now, to my policies. First of all, I want to make my stance on vetoing bills clear. I will not veto any bill unless it does not have a way of implementation. So long as it works in reality, I will not veto it for moral reasons. Secondly, I will be setting up a suggestion box at the page table. Feel free to give your ideas. Finally, because I am curious, could everyone who reads this, please send me a page note. I want to know how many people do.

Lt. Governor

Kaleigh Boyd, District I



Delegation: Southeast

Grade Level: 11

Years in Youth Leg: 4

Positions held in Youth Leg: 8th Grade Senator, Page, O'Brien House Rep., Vice Chair, Senator, Speaker Pro Tempore

Related Experience: 9th and 10th grade class Congress member, Southeast Delegation President, Knowledge Bowl President

Statement: Through my experiences in Youth and Government, I've gained poise, the knowledge to overcome obstacles, and the capacity to express ideas effectively. Thanks to all of your support last year, I am able to serve you as Speaker Pro Tempore at Youth Leg for the 62nd session. This year, I am asking for your support again as I run for your next Lt. Governor. I know that the experiences I share with you this year, from chairing in the O'Brien House to presiding in the House itself, will allow me to best represent those of you who return in 2010 to continue the amazing work we accomplish while at Youth Leg. Together we will grow as delegates and learn as partners in achieving new and exciting things in the coming years.

Katherine Rodihan, District II



Delegation: Lakeside

Grade Level: 11th

Years in Youth Leg: 3

Positions held in Youth Leg: Vice Chair, Senator, Representative, Reporter

Other Related Experience: Delegation co-leader, Ultimate Frisbee captain, Student government elect

Statement: My name is Katie Rodihan and I'm running for Youth Lieutenant Governor. The Lt. Governor presides over the Senate, making sure that the will of the majority prevails and the rights of the minority are respected. I believe that I can do this. I promise that, if elected, I will give everyone a chance to speak. As Lt. Governor, I will put my personal opinions aside and make sure everyone who wants to speak is heard, even if I disagree with what is being said. One of my goals, if elected to this position, is to help everyone feel comfortable stating their opinions. I'm approachable, so if a senator is having any problems, he or she can come talk to me and we'll figure something out. I want even the quietest, shyest person to be excited about speaking in the Senate, and I will do anything I can to make that happen. Please vote for me, Katie Rodihan, to be your 63rd Youth Lieutenant Governor. And if you have any questions, feel free to talk to me anytime.

Tucker Blessinger, District IV



Grade Level: 11

Delegation: Dayton

Years in Youth Leg: 2

I believe I would make a good Lieutenant Governor for many reasons. At my school, I am involved in FBLA, Drama, Soccer, and Youth and Government. I've been in Youth and Government for two years, plus I have the proper experience from other clubs. I've made it to FBLA state 3 years in a row, 2 of those years for Parliamentary Procedures and Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures, and the 3rd year for Impromptu Speaking. My team took 3rd place in state the first year and 6th the next year. I know the workings of meetings that take place within our Capitol. I have a lot of impromptu speaking experience and can handle talking to a large crowd. Vote for me and with my dedication and hard work, together we can climb the ladder of success and bask in the rays of golden splendor that is Youth and Government.

Michael Hansen, District V



Delegation: Olympic Peninsula

Grade Level: 11

Years in Youth Leg: 3

Positions held in Youth Leg: Cherberg Senator, Senator, Fair Elections Commissioner

My Y&G experience thus far has revolved around the Senate. I started out finding myself pleased to be seated in the Cherberg building and later had the unforgettable opportunity to watch from the Senate galleries as the Bear Arms bill went down in Y&G history. The following year, I took my (quite comfortable) seat on the Senate floor and started thinking about my return.

There is hardly a place on Earth I'd rather be than the Youth Senate, and I feel there could be no greater joy for me than to preside over the chamber I've come to love. As the 63rd Lieutenant Governor, I'll keep a sense of humor and a spring in my step even after having to stand for hours on end. So say hi to the bored FEC, mark Michael Hansen on your ballot, and slip it into the magic ballot-counting box. You won't regret it.

Speaker of the House

Arielle Ruizo, District I



Delegation: Southeast

Grade Level: 11

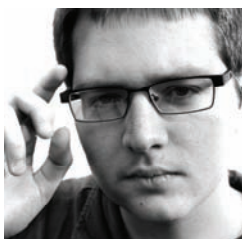
Years in Youth Leg: 4

Positions held in Youth Leg: Page, 8th Grade Senator, Press Corps, Governor's Cabinet, Committee Chair, Representative

Related Experience: ASB Senate, Class of 2010 Congress

Statement: Being Speaker of the House means more than wielding the gavel. To me, it means being able to make sure that everyone has equal opportunity. As Speaker of the House, I will dedicate myself to running debate smoothly and ensure that the majority and minority are both recognized and respected. Through working in Class Congress at my school, I learned how to be attentive, take care of many things at once and to use my voice to get my point across. Cross Country has taught me about communicating with the majority and minority and relaying information to make the group more cohesive and that it's okay to let loose. When I am passionate about something, I put my heart into it. I am passionate about this program and I know that I can make a difference. I am ready to take on this important position and have fun too.

Sam Schimmel, District II



Delegation: Dale Turner

Grade: 11th

Years in Y&G: 4th year

Positions held: Senator, Representative, Reporter, Committee Chair

Other related experience: Dale Turner delegation leadership team, Co-President of Shorecrest Gay-Straight Alliance, Co-Chair of Shorecrest Astronomy Night, Representative of Shorecrest "Raising Student Voice and Participation" Program, applying for seat on Dale Turner YMCA Board of Management

Statement: As a Youth & Government veteran, I've been around the block. I've passed bills on improving school lunch to prohibiting employment discrimination. I've been in the press, and I've won 8th grade Senator of the Year. For my 4th tour of duty, as well as running for Speaker, I'll be serving as committee chair and aim to pass the Dark-Sky Initiative, a real bill currently making its way through our legislature. Beyond Youth & Government, I fulfill leadership roles in my school's Gay-Straight Alliance, and organization that seeks to create safer schools, and recently co-chaired Astronomy Night, an annual production for the general public. I'm also applying for a seat on my Y's Board of Management. Now I'm ready to take the next step. With your support, I'm going to serve as Speaker, where I will energize debate, show newcomers the ropes, avoid mispronunciations, and above all else, ensure that as many as possible have a voice and an opportunity to propose their bills. Thank you for your time, and please vote Sam for Speaker.

Gus Froese, District IV

Delegation: Dayton

Grade Level: 11

Years in Youth Leg: 1

Claire Bruncke, District V



Delegation: Grays Harbor

Grade Level: 11th

Years in Youth Leg: 3

Positions held in Youth Leg: O'Brien House Representative, Press Reporter, House Representative

Related Experience: Delegation secretary, Marching Band Field Marshall/Section Leader, Co-Chair – Homecoming Dance, Co-chair – Link Crew Program, Renaissance Action Team, 4-H Club Secretary, Leo Club Secretary, Outdoor School student leader

I believe in the power of a single person and that one person can make a difference by giving back to the community in which they belong. I consider the Youth & Government community a large one in my life, and hope to give back to this community by serving as Speaker of the House. I am friendly, reliable, and caring. I am well versed in parliamentary procedure and am an approachable person. I would like to show people that courage can be gained and that Youth & Government is an excellent place to learn it. I hope to give back to the program that gave me the courage to speak in front of people, and lead and excellent session in the House.

Secretary of State

Alexa Warnek, District I



Delegation: Southeast

Grade Level: 11

Years in Youth Leg: 4

Positions held in Youth Leg: 8th grade Senator/Page, Assistant Postmaster General, Postmaster General

Related Experience: ASB Officer (Secretary), Vice President of Southeast delegation

Secretary of State requires a lot of dedication and organization. As Postmaster General, I was given an opportunity to show my organizational skills as well as my dedication to the program. To have an efficient system, one must be willing to do anything, whether it is running from the House to Cherberg then back to the House, in heels no less, I am willing to do that. If I have to spend my own time, outside of Youth and Government, to get what is needed to be done, I will do it. Personally, I need organization to get through the week. In other words I am a compulsive list maker. This will come as great help when organizing the docket. Because the docket is a vital aspect of our program, there is a lot of pressure to have everything working smoothly. The ability to handle stress under pressure is one of the skills I value highly. So I would be honored to have your support for Secretary of State.

Daniela Ferrell, District II



Delegation: Tacoma

Grade Level: 11th

Years in Youth Leg: 4

Positions held in Youth Leg: 8th Grade Senate, Page, Post Master General, Governor's Cabinet

Related Experience: Nativity House Coordinator

Statement: There are several reasons why I, Dani Ferrell, would be honored to, and should be your Secretary of State. From the time I began Y&G in 8th grade, I've been dedicated to this program, working to ensure that I could leave it better than when I first entered. My same work ethic and dedication applies to the position of Secretary of State: whatever is needed to fulfill my responsibility, I will do. I work efficiently and well, which are attributes crucial for this position. I've had a wide variety of experience, all of which have allowed me to see the importance of a tactfully run session by Secretary of State. My plans are to speak with these previous Secretaries of State to identify conflicts which they stumbled across so I can remedy them. Lastly, you should vote for me because I'm constructive, capable, and if there is something you're displeased with, I will do whatever I can realistically do to fix these issues and make this session one of the smoothest sessions we have seen.

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Tyler Grimshaw, District IV



Delegation: Dayton

Grade Level: 11

Years in Youth Leg: 3

Positions held in Youth Leg: One year as Senator, two years as lobbyist

Related Experience: 3 Years in FBLA, Paged for Washington State Senate, Youth Legislation in Washington DC, Inaugural Youth Legislative Conference, Interned for Terry Nealey while running for a seat in the Washington State House and Class Treasurer for two years.

Statement: You should vote for me because of my previous experience in politics, my dedication to everything I do, and my plans for next year for Youth & Government. As a freshman I paged for the Washington Senate, sophomore year I went to DC for a Youth Legislation and this year went to DC for the Inaugural Youth Legislative Conference. This past year I interned for Terry Nealey as he ran for a house seat which showed me how real political campaigning ran. I have gone to State in FBLA for all three years, an honor society student, and remain loyal to Youth & Government. My plans for next year is to do all I can to help the cabinet run the session as smoothly as possible and try to organize it well enough that we can get all, if not most bills debated in both the house and the senate.

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Harper Grimes, District V



Delegation: Olympic Peninsula

Grade Level: 11

Years in Youth Leg: 4

Positions held in Youth Leg: 8th grade Senator, Cherberg Senator, Assistant Attorney General, Representative

Related Experience: Port Angeles High School Leadership class and ASB, YMCA 1st and 2nd grade girls' basketball coach, server's assistant at Bella Italia restaurant, computer classes involving Microsoft Excel

Statement: Youth & Government's motto is, "Democracy must be learned by each generation." As Secretary of State I hope to make this come true for every student who participates in this wonderful and rewarding program. The main responsibility of the Youth Secretary is to prepare the docket for each day we are in Olympia. This requires huge amounts of organization and responsibility. Luckily, I have acquired these important skills by being a leader in my community. I help organize assemblies and other events at school and coach basketball to younger girls. Both of these activities have taught me to be responsible and organized. Being an employee at a famous restaurant and dealing with young girls has given me the ability to work with anyone that comes my way. I would love to be Secretary of State and have the necessary skills to execute the job with excellence.

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CAMPAIGN RULES 2009

All campaign activity must be mindful of the fact that we are on the Capitol Campus. Appropriate materials, dress, and behavior must be maintained at all times. It is particularly important that we not litter and/or in any way damage, mark, or make a mess of Capitol grounds and facilities. In addition, the following rules will apply:

- Ø All candidates will emphasize and abide by the YMCA core values:
 - Honesty
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Caring
- Ø There will be no negative campaigning. Materials will refer to each delegate's own candidacy, qualifications and achievements.
- Ø Each candidate is responsible for his or her campaign materials including message, cleanup, and appropriate placement of campaign items.
- Ø There will be no campaigning during committees, inside the House, Senate, O'Brien House, Cherberg Senate, or 8th Grade Senate chambers, or within other offices while regular Youth Legislature business is being conducted. Campaigning is also prohibited within 20 feet of designated polling places.
- Ø Endorsements are allowed, however, candidates may be held responsible for actions taken on their behalf.
- Ø Speeches are to be given by the candidate only, and no introductions aside from those assigned by the Director of Elections are permitted. Candidate speeches must be approved by the Director of Elections at least two (2) hours prior to the time that speeches are scheduled to take place. Approval requires the official stamp, mark, or signature of the Director of Elections on the final version of the speech.
- Ø Speeches may not be more than 2 minutes.

II. Campaign Finance

The maximum amount that each candidate may spend on the campaign is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). This amount includes in-kind and direct contributions and all amounts spent by supporters. For example, if a friend prints up a flyer on paper from his parent's office, the fair market value of that flyer (paper and copying or printing costs) must be included in the \$50.00. Expenses such as glue, printer paper, ink, etc. must be included – the costs of these items may be estimated if necessary.

All candidates must prepare and submit a draft campaign plan/budget to their delegation advisor for inclusion with registration materials in early March. The completed plan/budget must be submitted to the Director of Elections on the first day of session. Each candidate must also submit an itemized expenditure report including valid receipts and/or fair market value for all expenditures to the Director of Elections prior to the opening of the polls.

III. Campaign Materials

All campaign materials (signs, posters, flyers, etc.) must include a disclaimer which clearly states the person(s) responsible for its production. The words "paid for by" or "prepared by," with the person's name must be on each campaign item. Two (2) copies of each item must be submitted to and approved by the Director of Elections prior to distribution or display. Approval requires the official stamp, mark, or signature of the Director of Elections.

Materials may be posted only in designated areas. No materials may be stuck to any part of the interior of the Legislative Building. You will be instructed as to where you can place campaign materials.

The following are NOT allowed:

- Ø Banners or signs over 2' X 2'
- Ø Balloons
- Ø Glitter or confetti may not appear either alone or on any materials or signs
- Ø Use of government or Youth & Government resources, i.e. printers, computers, copiers, etc.

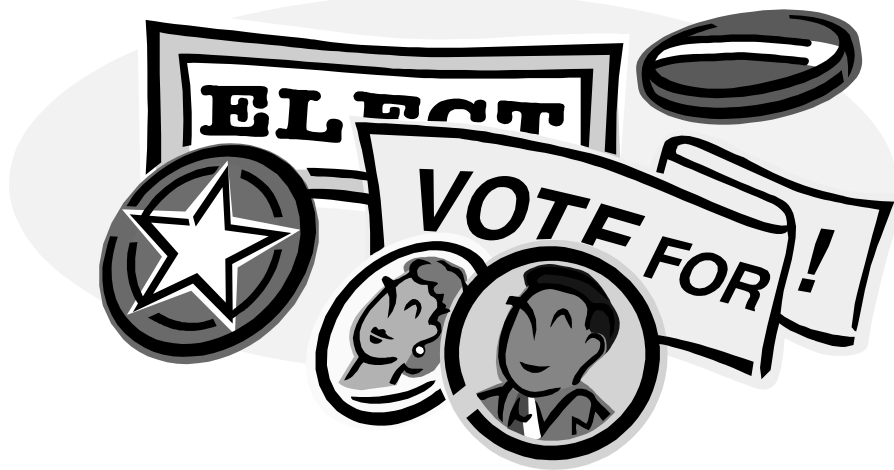
IV. Elections of Chief Lobbyist Officer/Editor in Chief/PMG

- Ø Elections of the Chief Lobbyist Officer, Post Master General and Editor in Chief will be run by the Fair Elections Commission.
- Ø FEC's will address each group on the first day of session to explain election rules and the duties of respective positions.
- Ø Candidates will follow the same guidelines as all other major officer candidates.
- Ø Candidates will post their candidacy on an official sheet in their work space before dinner on Thursday, after which time no additional candidates will be approved.
- Ø FEC's will distribute and collect ballots at an assigned time on Friday.
- Ø FEC's will deliver ballots in a sealed envelope to the Director of Elections directly following the vote.
- Ø Ballots will be counted in the Secretary of State's Office by the Director of Elections and the Secretary of State.
- Ø The Director of Elections and Secretary of State will certify the votes.

V. Enforcement

If a candidate or candidate's supporters choose to break any of these rules, the candidate may be disqualified from the race or, if the election has concluded, may be asked to forfeit his or her seat. In this case the nearest challenger will assume the office.

Complaints regarding a rule violation will be submitted to the Director of Elections, in writing, with specific facts and evidence provided. Complaints will be considered and decided upon by the Director of Elections, Fair Elections Commissioners and Secretary of State with oversight by the State Director, and the appropriate delegation advisor within four hours.



STATE RECEPTION

THURSDAY, MAY 7
5:30 PM to 6:45 PM

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

THURSDAY, MAY 7
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

REMEMBER TO VOTE

FRIDAY, MAY 8
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM



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