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## **DC YOUTH AND NATIONS' REPRESENTATIVES MEET FOR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMIT**

### **Over 200 Students Registered for YMCA DC Youth & Government's Youth Summit**

**Washington, D.C., November 4, 2011** –High school students' from across Washington DC and our nations' leading representatives come together for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit. On Friday, November 18th, 200 YMCA DC Youth & Government participants become part of America's legislation process, and experience first-hand a glimpse into a public service career.

Meeting at the historic One Judiciary Square, students are immersed in a full-day of civic engagement. Department of Public Works officials will host both large scale and small group discussion, providing one-on-one counsel. A series of workshops throughout the day include how to read and compose a bill, the best practices for campaigning, and a how-to for Parliamentary Procedure-the formalized practice of holding a debate. Past demonstrations have included a fashion show provided by JC Penny's, where student's modeled professional looks.

"I love Youth & Government because I learn how to make change in my city," said YMCA DC Youth Mayor William Lovett. "I also see that yes it can be done and the youth really hold the power and have a voice."

Established in 2001, the YMCA DC Youth & Government program has given more than 1,000 students throughout the District the platform to learn and discuss critical issues with city administrators, elected officials, and peers. Throughout the school year, students acquire invaluable skills during rigorous but fun curriculum enabling them to improve their communities. Program activities lead to the YMCA DC Youth & Government Legislative Weekend, a two-day working simulation of the DC Government's legislative process with an opportunity to act as city officials.

If you would like to attend, please contact Emma Lipscomb at (202)380-7632 or at [emma.lipscomb@ymcadc.org](mailto:emma.lipscomb@ymcadc.org). Come experience how our youth are changing our nation through civic engagement... one family, one neighborhood, and one community at a time.

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