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Esteemed delegates,

Greetings, and welcome to another year of NYS YMCA Youth and Government! Last year, the impassioned debate from bill sponsors and lobbyists, impeccable oral arguments from attorneys, and impactful news pieces from press truly blew the leadership away. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves, but also prepared to do even better this year. In order to help you succeed, the Presiding Officers have prepared some resources which you can find in this email along with conference dates and other plans for the year.

Legislative delegates, you should all be thinking of bill ideas and doing research into topics which interest you. An informational webinar with further resources on generating bill ideas, how and where to look for current legislation, as well as opportunities to ask real time questions of the legislative presiding officers which will take place on Sunday, October 20th. Information on how to attend that webinar will be sent in a future email as well as advertised through Remind and social media. Until then, you can contact the legislative Presiding Officers through the NYS YAG 2019-2020 Legislative Remind by texting the class code, @legyag2020, to 81010 or entering it in the "Join a Class" section of the app. This will allow you to receive text message updates from the officers as well as send questions or concerns to them. You can also refer to the information listed later in this email to contact presiding officers individually. In the future, check the NYS YMCA YAG website to find bill writing resources and further helpful information.

Judicial delegates, make sure you are ready for cases to be released in mid to late October. You can prepare to receive cases by establishing a reliable connection with your Principal Justice and district coordinator. Join the Judicial Remind by texting @nysjud to 81010 or using that code in the app, where you will receive information/resources on briefs and argument skills. Justices should begin preparing for December Greenkill, December 7th-8th, and remember to not sign up for the SAT that weekend to avoid a scheduling conflict. Refer to the information listed later in this email for ways to contact presiding officers and where to find more resources.

Lobbying delegates, stay updated on political issues and practice your debate skills by preparing pro/con statements on news topics that you feel passionate about. Be sure to sign up for the Lobbying Remind, @yaglob, for updates and future resources on the art of debate from the Head Lobbyist.

Press delegates, attached to this email is a Google Form application which you must complete. Prepare for the application by beginning to write a short article or practicing your photography skills. Your Editor in Chief will be accessible through the Press Remind, which you can use by texting @press201 to 81010 or using that code in the 'Join a Class' section of the app.

All delegates should ensure they have reliable contact with their district coordinator. Additionally, make sure you check the website, <http://www.ymcanys.org/home/yag/>, to find new resources which will be posted soon. Attached to this email is a directory of the presiding officers with their contact information for your reference, the current legislation list for legislative delegates to access, as well as the list of Greenkill and state conference dates. Good luck, and see you all at state conference!

Sincerely,  
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