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Young Americans Celebrate the Passage of Health Care and Student Aid Reform

March was a great month for young adults in America! President Barack Obama signed into law historic health insurance and student aid reform. The passage of this legislation will greatly benefit young people by providing access to affordable health care and making unprecedented investments investing in our higher education system.

As a result of health insurance reform, Americans will now have control over their own health care.

Insurance companies will no longer be able to suddenly drop your coverage when you get sick and need it most, or deny coverage for pre-existing conditions. Americans will not have to worry about losing their coverage if they become unemployed or change jobs, and they can finally sleep at night knowing that they won't lose their house or their life savings if they are struck with a catastrophic illness.

We will be seeing the positive effects of this bill for decades to come, but we'll also begin to get many of the benefits immediately. For example, beginning this year young people will be able to remain on their parents' health care plan until their 26th birthday.

And as part of student loan reform, the Obama Administration is making the **largest-ever investment in higher education** – expanding educational opportunity for America's students and families. The legislation strengthens the Pell Grant program, invests in community colleges, extends support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other Minority Serving Institutions, and helps student borrowers manage their student loan debt.

We thank President Obama, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi for all their work to pass these historic pieces of legislation. We look forward to having them continue the fight for young people in Congress.

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Join the Youth Council Mailing List

Want to receive more updates from the DNC Youth Council? Join our mailing list! Visit <http://bit.ly/99fivj> to receive updates on what the Youth Council is up to, updates from the DNC and Organizing for America, and what you can do to help promote President Obama's agenda. You can also find us online at: http://www.democrats.org/a/communities/young_people_and_students/



CDA Announces Its 2010 Convention!

CDA is excited to announce that its 2010 convention will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, beginning Thursday, July 29 and ending on Sunday, August 1!

Convention will be held on the campus of the University of North Carolina Charlotte and will bring together College Democrats from campuses across the nation in the state where we saw the highest youth vote margin for President Obama. This promises to be a very exciting experience and we are looking forward to seeing you in July in the Queen City for a convention that you will never forget!

Registration is now open at www.collegedems.com. Register early for \$50 until June 1. Check our website for updates on convention!

Any questions about registration should be directed to CDA's Executive Director, Tamia Booker, at convention@collegedems.com.



The DNC Youth Council is on Facebook and Twitter.
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The DNC has redesigned the Young People and Students section of the DNC website! You can find information on the College Democrats of America, Gen44, DNC Youth Council activities and members, and our brand new youth blog! Take a moment to check it out at

http://www.democrats.org/a/communities/young_people_and_students/



Snapshot! North Carolina Young Democrats Convention

The North Carolina Young Democrats held their annual convention in March in Fayetteville, NC. North Carolina was one of the many states that President Obama won in 2008 with a large youth turnout. DNC Secretary Alice Germond (pictured here) was the keynote speaker for the event. The 100 youth participants also heard from DNC Youth Council Member Phillip Gilfus, North

Carolina U.S. Senate candidate Cal Cunningham, and North Carolina State Party Chair David Young. Congratulations to Conen Morgan, who was re-elected YDNC president and Tori Taylor, who was elected president of the North Carolina College Democrats.



Have You Completed Your Census Form?

When you fill out your census form, you're making a statement about what resources your community needs going forward. Accurate data reflecting changes in your community are crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for projects like new hospitals and schools. That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period for things like new roads and schools.

Completing your census form is very important. If you have received yours, please fill it out and send it back. If you have not received your census form, you can visit the Census website at www.2010.census.gov



Member Spotlight: Jonathan Padilla

Jonathan Padilla is from San Jose, California. He was born and raised in the heart of Silicon Valley and have been active in Democratic politics since 2000. Jonathan has worked with Democrats from local races and groups to state level and national organizations as well. In the past he has led the Young Democrats of America High School Caucus, where he has worked to build a strong grassroots organization dedicated to getting Democrats elected. Jon is honored to represent the West on the DNC Youth Council and plans on advocating for increased representation across the Democratic Party.



Join the National Federation of Democratic Women for their 39th annual convention in Knoxville, TN June 4th through 6th. Come network with democratic women from across the country, hear from amazing speakers including DNC Vice Chair Linda Chavez-Thompson and DNC Secretary Alice Germond, and attend amazing workshops and trainings. You can find out more details on the agenda, registration rates, and hotel costs by visiting the

NFDW website at nfdw.com/convention.



Become a Part of Gen44!

With a relentless call for change, President Obama empowered a whole new generation to take a personal stake in electing their representatives. People of all ages, races, religions and economic backgrounds were inspired to take an active role in campaigning for the first time in their lives. But few groups showed as much energy as our newest generation of business, government, public, and private sector leaders. Across the country they turned out in record numbers, not just to vote, but to donate their time and money -- knocking on doors, calling their neighbors and contributing to the campaign.

But as President Obama said, the work didn't end on Election Day--in fact, it has just begun. That's why we've created Generation FortyFour, or Gen44 for short. Gen44 is a new concept founded from some of the campaign's most successful programs -- Generation Obama (GO) and the DNC TrailBlazers. Building on this strong record of success, the DNC merged these critical programs in order to create Gen44. It is a council to cultivate and empower a rising generation of leaders with the Democratic Party.

Gen44 will work with this groundbreaking group, all under the age of 44, to serve as a platform for political mobilization and to ensure that President Obama has the resources and infrastructure needed to implement the change we want to see. To become a part of Gen44 please visit www.genfortyfour.com.



Democratic National Committee Internships

Internships at the DNC give students the chance to experience Democratic politics from the inside.

Interns will have the opportunity to:

- work closely with DNC staff in every department
- work on exciting and important projects
- help advocate on behalf of President Obama and his agenda
- participate in DNC events
- meet with DNC staff
- take tours across the District

This is a great opportunity for motivated, enthusiastic, politically minded students who are eager to learn and willing to work hard.

We are currently accepting applications for our summer program! Visit www.democrats.org/internship or call 202-863-8043 for more information about the program or to review the application.

**Please note you must be 18 years of age and currently enrolled in a college or university. All DNC internships are unpaid.*