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September 2009 Dispatch

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**DNC Youth Council Meeting Sept. 12 in Austin, TX!**

The next meeting of the full Democratic National Committee will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, Texas, from September 10-12, 2009. The Youth Council meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, from 10:30 AM –12:00 PM. We encourage all of you to join us for this important event. At our meeting we will discuss Youth Council projects that are in the works, hold elections for the

Youth Council Co-Chairs, and focus on the appointment of our 12 At-Large Youth Council Members. Your attendance is important as we decide our goals for the next four years, including the best ways the Youth Council can help support the President's agenda. We look forward to seeing you in Austin in September!

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**Agenda**

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) History of the Youth Council and Recap of Projects
- 3) Appointment of 12 At-Large Youth Council Members
- 4) Election of Council Co-Chairs
- 5) Supporting the President's Agenda
- 6) Guest Speakers: Texas Democratic Party Chairman Boyd Richie & Travis County Democratic Party Chairman Andy Brown
- 7) Looking Ahead – The Council in 2009/2010
- 8) Old/New Business
- 9) Adjournment

If you have any questions, please let our staff at the DNC know:

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## Announcing the 2009-2011 DNC Youth Council At-Large Members

### Council Officers & Staff

Jason Rae  
Co-Chair

Amber Goodwin  
Co-Chair

Nick Hanek  
Secretary

A'shanti Fayshel Gholar  
Director

### DNC Members

Jamarr Brown (CDA, SC)  
Maria Chappelle-Nadal  
(MO)  
Rick Cofer (TX)  
Francisco Domenech (YDA,  
PR)  
Daela Gibson (NV)  
Phillip Gilfus (NC)  
Anthony Graves (CO)  
Stephanie Hausner (YDA,  
NY)  
Michael Kiernan (IA)  
Katie Naranjo (CDA, TX)  
Hon. Bakari Sellers (SC)  
Crystal Strait (YDA, CA)  
Mike Tate (WI)

### At-Large Members

Thomas Bates (West)  
Kevin Bondelli (West)  
Mike Connery (East)  
Veronica De La Garza  
(South)  
Patrick Grayson (South)  
Rafael Noboa (West)  
Shaunica Pridgen  
(Midwest)  
Edgar Santana (East)  
Vanessa Sievers (East)

The DNC Youth Coordinating Council is pleased to announce the 12 individuals selected to serve as at-large members of the Youth Council from 2009-2011.

On July 10th, 2009 the Youth Council began to accept applications from all over the country from young people who wanted to get more involved in politics and serve the Democratic Party. After much discussion and hard decisions the DNC members of the Youth Council have decided on the following individuals.

**East:** Alex Cornell du Houx, Meghan Gaffney Buck, and Jeffrey Richardson

**Midwest:** McClain Bryant, Nick Hanek, and Asra Husain

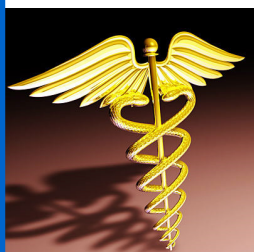
**South:** Jennifer Bissett, Matthew Glazer, and Amber Goodwin

**West:** Crisanta Duran, Alexander Flores, and Jonathan Padilla

Congratulations to those who were selected!



The DNC Youth Council is now on Twitter and we have over 275 followers. Follow us at **@DNCYouthCouncil** to get the latest news and updates from the DNC and progressive youth movement.



## Recap! Health Care Forum with President Barack Obama

On August 21<sup>st</sup> President Obama and dozens of Organizing for America activists gathered at the Democratic National Committee to have a discussion about health insurance reform in America. Over 280,000 Americans tuned in online or on the phone to listen to the President layout why health insurance reform is needed and how it will benefit every American- including those who have insurance.

If you missed the forum you can watch is online at:

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/aug20forumlive/>.

Also make sure you visit the OFA Health Care Action Center at [www.healthcare.barackobama.com](http://www.healthcare.barackobama.com) to find out how you can help the President bring about health insurance reform in this country.



## White House 2010 Spring Internships

We are pleased to announce that the application for the 2010 Spring Internship is now available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships>.

**Applications are due September 20, 2009.**

The application includes two essays, three letters of recommendation and a resume. Each applicant will be evaluated on three basic qualities: a commitment to public service, demonstration of leadership in the community and dedication to the mission of this Administration. The applicant's communication, writing and office skills will also be reviewed and considered. An applicant's GPA is not figured into the final score, and each application is reviewed on a semi-blind basis.



### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT!**

## **VIRGINIA YOUNG DEMOCRATS SEEKING ORGANIZERS**

**Job:** Field Organizer / Youth Organizer

**Location:** Varies – all over Commonwealth.

**Compensation:** \$300 Weekly Stipend, Free Housing, Gas Reimbursement

**Time Commitment:** Rolling start dates September 1st through 15th, end date November 7th

**Why:** Help the Democrats keep the governor's mansion and take back the House of Delegates! Help the Virginia Young Democrats beef up our membership, identify new volunteers, and turn out voters and volunteers for Democratic campaign!

**Benefits:** Strengthen your resume with only a ten-week commitment! Get paid for your activism.

The 2009-2010 year promises to be a critical one for the Democratic Party, and the Virginia Young Democrats. We are prepared to meet that challenge and have a plan that will build volunteers for this and future elections. VAYD will be hiring 30 organizers to help our chapters and the campaigns turn out excited, young volunteers for the campaigns. If you've organized before, with a campus group or on a campaign, you should apply to join our team!

Play an important role in this year's critical election. Submit your resume to [vaydjobs@gmail.com](mailto:vaydjobs@gmail.com). Please include: Where you're currently living, where (if) in Virginia you have worked or lived, and whether or not you have or have access to a car.



## Statement from Democratic Party Chairman Tim Kaine on the Passing of Senator Kennedy

DNC Chairman Tim Kaine released the following statement on the passing of Senator Ted Kennedy. The Democratic Party will pay tribute to Senator Kennedy at its fall meeting in Austin, Texas in September.

Today we mourn the loss of one of the greatest and most consequential political figures in American history with the passing of Senator Ted Kennedy.

Senator Kennedy was adored by millions of Americans and was respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his energy, his passion, his humor, his compassion, his friendship and above all his commitment to serve his country in pursuit of a more common good for every American.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Senator Kennedy devoted his entire adult life - in the great tradition of the Kennedy family - to public service. And, in his forty-six years in the Senate, Senator Kennedy's primary focus - and the legacy he will be most remembered for - will be his work to improve the plight of ordinary Americans, to empower the powerless and to end the scourge of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability and economic background that was all too prevalent in an earlier time.

For his efforts to ensure civil and voting rights for minorities to equal rights for women, Senator Kennedy was a champion. For providing health care to millions of our nation's children to fighting for the cause and rights of workers and organized labor, Senator Kennedy was a hero. For working to improve education and educational opportunities for children and college students to fighting for the security and dignity of older Americans, Senator Kennedy was an icon. And, for his career-long pursuit of quality, affordable health care for every American, a cause he was devoted to until the very end, Senator Kennedy was an inspiration to millions of Americans who are fighting today for that just cause.

In the Senate, he was called the Lion. To the Democratic Party whose values and ideals were embodied in and shaped by this great man, he was a giant. To the American people, he will be remembered as one of the greatest and most accomplished legislators in American history. And to his family he will be remembered as a father, a husband, an uncle, a brother, a grandfather and a friend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kennedy family as we mourn the loss and celebrate the extraordinary life of Senator Edward Moore Kennedy.

**The Massachusetts Democratic Party is collecting the thoughts, memories and condolences of citizens from around the country and will deliver them to the Kennedy Family. You can share your thoughts online at [www.massdems.org](http://www.massdems.org)**