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## Meet Michael Tate – the Youngest State Party Chair!

Mike Tate's career in Democratic organizing began at a very early age. In the 4th grade Mike helped Michael Dukakis score an upset victory in his school's mock election. Two years later, Tate begged his mother to drive him down to Tom Loftus' gubernatorial campaign office, where he helped stuff envelopes

after school.

In 1998, Mike worked as a volunteer for Senator Russ Feingold's re-election campaign, and then became active with the College Democrats, serving as Chair of the College Democrats of Wisconsin and Vice President of the College Democrats of America. Mike has worked for Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk, Governor Jim Doyle, and AFSCME Council 40. In 2003, Mike served as the Wisconsin State Director for Dean for America. He also served as the Deputy State Director for America Coming Together and oversaw one of the largest grassroots voter mobilization efforts in Wisconsin political history.

In the 2006 election cycle, Mike managed the Fair Wisconsin campaign, where he worked to defeat the constitutional amendment banning civil unions for gay couples. Fair Wisconsin was one of the largest anti-amendment campaigns ever mounted, raising an historic \$5.3 million from over 11,000 individual donors.

Most recently, Mike directed Advancing Wisconsin, a voter mobilization effort in 2008, helping boost turnout in key districts for Barack Obama. Mike received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and currently lives in Milwaukee County with his wife, Amy, a member of the academic staff at the UW-Milwaukee Alumni Association.

## Follow us on Twitter!



The DNC Youth Council is now on Twitter and we already have over 100 followers in a few short weeks. Follow us at **@DNCYouthCouncil** to get the latest news and updates from the DNC and progressive youth movement.

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## The Millennials Are Coming!



Youth Council Co-Chairs Jason Rae (WI) and Amber Goodwin (TX)

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Youth Council Co-Chairs Jason Rae and Amber Goodwin had an op-ed featured in *The Huffington Post* entitled *The Millennials are Coming*. The article details the expanded role that young people are taking in Democratic Party leadership positions. Here is an excerpt:

*Millennials. You may have heard the term. Those born after 1977 are more optimistic, service-oriented and progressive than Gen X'ers. Millennials played a huge part in the campaign of President Barack Obama with their grassroots participation in such groups as Students for Barack Obama, Generation Obama, the College Democrats of America, and Young Democrats of America. While the Obama campaign ended months ago, the political involvement of young people hasn't. Millennials are now taking that enthusiasm for change through political participation to the next level by running for and winning positions in the Democratic Party across the country.*

You can read the full article at the following link: [The Millennials are Coming](#)

## DNC Youth Council At-Large Applications



**July 10<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>** the DNC Youth Council will be accepting applications for its 12 at-large members. Any **registered** Democrat under the age of **36** is able to apply to be on the Council. Applications are available from the Youth Council, the Youth Council Facebook group ([DNC Youth Council Facebook Group](#)) and the youth page of the DNC website – [www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org). To find out more about the Youth Council please visit [DNC Youth Council FAQ's](#) or e-mail us at [YouthCouncil@dnc.org](mailto:YouthCouncil@dnc.org).

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

The DNC Youth Council will hold its next meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM in Austin, TX. Our meeting will be in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Democratic National Committee. At the meeting the Youth Council will elect its 12 at-large members and Co-Chairs and will have an open discussion on the future of the Youth Council and the role of young people in the Democratic Party. The meetings is open to the public. If you have any questions about attending the meeting, please contact us at [YouthCouncil@dnc.org](mailto:YouthCouncil@dnc.org).

## DON'T FORGET - REGISTER FOR THE CDA AND YDA CONVENTIONS!

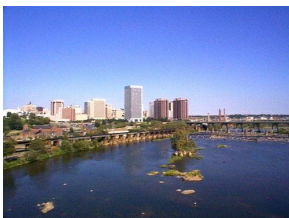


The CDA Convention will be held in Washington, DC, from Thursday, July 23 to Sunday, July 26, 2009 on the campus of George Washington University. This will be an exciting convention! Join us as we experience Washington, DC, with a new administration, a Democratic Congress, and thousands of young Democrats from around the country! A tentative agenda in addition to information on housing will be posted in the upcoming weeks. For more information please visit: [CDA 2009 Convention Website](#)



Young Democrats from all over the country will converge on Chicago for YDA's biennial convention. The convention promises a slate of prominent national speakers, including leaders from the 111th Congress, notable activists and young people making a difference in America today. We will also have training sessions that will help you become a more effective activist, or prepare you for a career in political campaigns and public service. Help to keep the excitement going by joining other young leaders from around the country as we discuss our vision for the future of this great nation. For more information please visit: [YDA Chicago 2009](#)

## THAT'S OUR CHAIRMAN!



### *Richmond among Top 20 cities for young workers*

Next Generation Consulting named Richmond among the top 20 cities for young workers. From the article:

*Richmond came in 19th on this year's list of "Mighty Micros," or cities with between 100,000 and 200,000 residents. The group also listed 20 "Midsize Magnets" and 20 "Super Cities" (with populations of 500,000 or more... The bottom line is that Richmond remains an attractive place to live for young working people. That can be a key determining factor when major companies are looking to expand or relocate.*

You can read the full article here: [Richmond among Top 20 cities for young workers](#)

Thank you to DNC Chairman and Virginia Governor Tim Kaine for making Richmond a great place for young people to be.