

MEMO 8/14/11

TO: Prospective Members of MCHS GOVERNMENT CLUB  
FROM: Mrs. Susan Shivers and Mr. Dan Smith (Sponsors)  
RE: Key Activities for 2011-2012 (*To participate you must be a Gov't Club member in good standing. That means you've paid your dues and met your deadline obligations.*)

**MEETINGS:** Wed. at 3:35 p.m. General meetings are for all; conference meetings are for participants only

**WEBSITE:** See "CLUBS" tab at [www.mcjags.com](http://www.mcjags.com) . Choose "Government Club."

**DUES:** \$5.00 per year

### **ACTIVITIES:**

**MOVIE NIGHT:** (TBA) Periodic parties to watch government-related films held in MCHS library

**PROMOTE THE VOTE:** Voter Registration Drive and Mock Elections -- On campus program in cooperation with office of Mississippi Secretary of State (Delbert Hoseman). No cost. Listen for PROMOTE THE VOTE meeting announcement soon!

**MISSISSIPPI YOUTH LEGISLATURE:** MS Youth & Government sponsored mock MS Youth & Government sponsored mock legislature held at the State Capitol, Nov. 6-9, 2013; cost = approx. \$250 for registration, hotel, advisors' fees). A pair of partners research and write bill, present it in committee, and (if successful) argue it on floor of House and Senate, then present it to the Governor. **ROLES:** student legislator, committee chair, press, lawyer, lobbyist, supreme court justice, or officer (elected or appointed). Manuals are posted online. Visit MS Youth & Government website @ <http://www.msyag.org> and choose Sr. Youth Legislature.

**MISSISSIPPI MODEL SECURITY COUNCIL:** MSU sponsored diplomatic simulation where students role-play UN Security Council delegates from assigned nations; research, write, present, and debate resolutions; resolve an international crisis (mock, of course); interact with college students and faculty (political science); and meet with actual UN delegates. Conference dates: usually last week of Feb. Approx. \$200 for registration, hotel, banquet, and advisors' fees. Visit MS Model Security Council website @ <http://www.mmsc.org.msstate.edu/lt> has not been updated for this year, but you can access plenty of useful information.

**NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST:** United States Institute of Peace sponsors this contest (1500-word research paper focusing on international relations) due in January; offers each state winner \$1000 and a 5-day, all-expense-paid trip to Washington: <http://www.usip.org/npec>  
If you have questions, feel free to email Ms. Shivers at [shiversmc@gmail.com](mailto:shiversmc@gmail.com) or come by Rm. # A 186 or speak to Mr. Smith in room #191.

**ECON CHALLENGE:** Test of economic knowledge and financial savvy for teams in David Ricardo Division (regular) and Adam Smith Division (AP). Fall qualifiers and spring qualifiers are online. State competition is usually near the end of March.

\*We'll write receipts, print membership cards, and give you a GOV CLUB PASS STICKER to put on the back of your membership card. You can pick these up at the meeting next Wednesday.