



State Senator Scott T. Rupp ~ District 2

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Missouri Students Participate in Government Youth Programs

Having been a Missouri state legislator since 2002, I feel honored to serve the 2nd Senatorial District. To have the opportunity to improve the quality of life for Missourians of all ages in our state is a tremendous privilege. It is essential that young people understand the importance of serving our state and our country, and therefore, I am happy to acknowledge Missouri students who serve as young delegates in student government programs and proudly represent our state.

A state-wide program offering student legislative opportunities, Missouri Youth in Government, or YIG, presents students with the chance to learn about leadership and democracy. The organization caters to approximately 800 Missouri students each year and gives them the opportunity to participate in several programs, including the Missouri's Model Government program, which takes place each year in the Lewis and Clark State Conventions in Jefferson City in November and December.

The Model Government Program is student-driven and a version of Missouri's legislative process. Student legislators meet in committees in the House and Senate chambers to discuss possible bills and amendments, and apprentice lawyers and judges participate in a moot trial competition, and student reporters capture all the conventions' programs in print and television productions.

Several schools located in the 2nd Senatorial District participated in this year's YIG conventions, and I am very proud of the work they have accomplished. On the federal level, I would also like to note that two Missouri students were selected to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Program. The students have been awarded a week-long, all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to serve in the program, and have each received a \$5,000 college scholarship.

While participating in the U.S. Senate Youth Program from March 5-12, 2011, the two winning students will join the other 102 young legislators selected from throughout the nation for the program to learn about our country's legislative process and be further educated about the federal government. The students will also take part in Washington Week, a public affairs program on PBS, and will have the opportunity to listen to federal lawmakers discuss U.S. policies, and partake in a meeting with senators, the president, a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and affiliates of the national media.

I would like to congratulate our student leaders from Missouri that have received the incredible honor of representing our state and their schools for government youth curriculums. I am thrilled to see students interested in government policy and eager to serve others. Great job young delegates, you have done us proud.

To learn more about Missouri YIG, visit www.moyig.org, and for more about the U.S. Senate Youth Program, visit www.ussenateyouth.org. If you have any questions regarding this matter or any other issues within state government, please visit my website at www.senate.mo.gov/rupp. You can also [e-mail me](#) or call my office toll-free at (866) 271-2844.

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