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Dear High School Guidance Counselor:

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to cordially invite your students to the **2015 Alabama Youth Summit (AYS)**, hosted by the Student Government Association's External Affairs Department at The University of Alabama. You may be familiar with the AYS program from previous years; however, I would like to provide you a brief overview of this year's program.

AYS enables rising high school seniors to attend a legislative workshop at The University of Alabama. Students who participate in AYS will arrive before noon on **Friday, May 29** and will depart campus at 2:00 P.M. on **Saturday, May 30**. Students will break into several committees, each of which will focus on a separate area of Alabama state policy. This summer, the committees will include:

- Constitutional Reform
- Healthcare
- Education
- Tax Reform
- Energy
- Social Issues

University of Alabama faculty, along with student leaders, will facilitate group discussions, providing helpful information and informing students in an unbiased manner on pressing Alabama issues. After research and discussion, students will draft pieces of legislation related to their chosen issues, either altering existing laws or creating new bills. Each committee will select one piece of legislation to present to all of the AYS participants, who will then select what they feel to be the most important and influential bill. The selected piece of legislation will be sent to the Alabama State House, as well as Governor Robert Bentley.

Students will stay in a University suite-style residence hall, enjoy campus food and learn from guest speakers. In addition, students will be provided with free time in which they can enjoy the University's amenities.

The selection process to attend AYS will be left up to your discretion. We recommend students who demonstrate leadership and an interest in Alabama state politics and governance to attend. AYS is open to **all students** and there is **no** registration limit.



Registration instructions will be provided on The University of Alabama's SGA website at www.sga.ua.edu. The AYS registration fee is \$100 per student and payment is due by Friday, May 15, 2015.

I look forward to meeting all of your exceptional students who attend AYS this summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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