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Today's Schedule

10-12:30: Registration

12:00: Joint Session

1:00: Orientation

2:00: Committee Meetings

3:30: First Legislative Session



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Introducing Governor Arnett

Arnett Serves As Governor of 45th General Assembly

The 45th General Assembly of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature opens this morning with Jamie Arnett presiding as governor. Jamie is in graduate school at Austin Peay State University and is studying communications. While she was getting her undergraduate degree, she did almost every branch of TISL under the sun—a year in media, a year in legislature, and her last year as Secretary of State.



Like a lot of the people on the Executive Council, someone told her she would be good for the job of governor since she had previous experience in a variety of branches and the charisma of a leader. As governor, Arnett will preside over the Executive Council, helping to make decisions in the Board of Directors and appointing judges to the Supreme Court.

-Emily Rose Mitchell

Friends of TISL Luncheon Celebrates Community Support

On Friday in the Legislative Library, a special Friends of TISL Luncheon will be held. Those invited will not only enjoy a meal in the stunning Tennessee capitol building but will be privileged to share time with some of TISL's honorary sponsors and leaders who have dedicated their time and energy to this function.

TISL Media Revamps Practices and Creates Website

TISL Media is excited to announce that the 2014 General Assembly will pioneer the efforts the team has made over the past year to expand its coverage and accessibility. Through the creation of a new website and handbook, the launch of a remodeled selection process for leadership positions, and the new opportunity to receive awards for individual efforts, the Media team hopes to make this year a monumental one.

Mary Jean Hall, the Media Director, is excited to see the new additions in action before students even arrive at the General Assembly, stating, “the changes should make the media a lot more effective.”

The new website, tislmedia.tisonline.org, will work in tandem with the TISL Times, broadcasts, and social media updates to inform participants of new developments at the General Assembly. Another new change will allow up to three students to receive an award for Best Media Journalist, which will earn them three points per delegation.

-Eilidh Jenness

During this time, students and sponsors are encouraged to reflect and share the accomplishments of TISL's student leadership.

As the 45th General Assembly unfolds, it is important to realize the mutual progressive ambitions that both students and sponsors have for the education and future of state government. Honorary guest and Secretary of State Tre Hargett will be the master of ceremonies. Another honorary speaker at the event will be Randy Mathews from Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law. The luncheon will conclude with a word from TISL's Olivia O'Brien, the Speaker Pro Tem of the Senate.

The devout dedication of its sponsors, student leaders, and passion for Tennessee legislation has made it possible to keep the TISL fortitude alive since 1966. Since then, delegates from all over Tennessee have been given the opportunity to gather in the beautiful state capital and partake in the creation, analysis, and continuation of government.

-Tiana Winstead

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