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Today's Schedule

9:00: Final Legislative Session

12:00: Joint Session

1:00: Adjourn



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The 46th Governor

Introducing Governor Brandon Chrisman

Brandon Chrisman from UT Knoxville won the election for governor this year after a close run-off with Secretary of State Caleb Butler. Chrisman has an extensive resume of TISL positions. He previously served as a Page at the 41st General Assembly, a Representative at the 42nd, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House at the 43rd, and the Speaker of the House at the 44th. This year, he acted as Speaker of the Senate.



Although Chrisman's exhaustive experience might seem overwhelming to some, he is eagerly ready for the coming year.

"I'm looking forward to working with our Executive Council. I'm excited to see what we can do to bring smaller

colleges to TISL. I'm also interested to see what new ideas the Executive Council has for the coming year," Chrisman enthusiastically lists.

As a TISL veteran, Chrisman knows that the only certain thing about any General Assembly is that things will be uncertain.

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“I’ve learned that when it comes to the GA, unexpected things are going to happen. Each GA presents a new set of issues,” he states. Regardless, he’s dedicated to ensuring that next year’s General Assembly will run as smoothly as possible.

“I’d like everyone to know that the Executive Council has your back, and we will work very hard to make your delegation’s return a reality. I was glad that the voters supported me and believed in my vision.”

Chrisman will hold the seat of Governor for one year.

-Eilidh Jenness

Law and Order

Attorney General Competes on AMC3 Team

TISL Attorney General Hannah Strong is establishing new precedent for the role of the Attorney General in this year’s General Assembly. One defined role of the Attorney General is to lead a team of AMC3 lawyers. Strong interpreted this to include serving as the lead attorney of her delegation’s AMC3 team. She is the first Attorney General in several years to compete.

Strong has been competing in AMC3 for the past three years and says that the entire Executive Council thought it would be good to restore some of the argument abilities of the Attorney General. Strong said, “If you want to be able to have a law suit, you should be able to argue in front of the Supreme Court.”



As Attorney General, Strong also serves on the Executive Council. “I have a really good team, and I also have a really great EC that is going to support me no matter what goes wrong.”

Her advice to TISL’s new Attorney General Skyler Schmanski, who is a Magistrate and Alternate Senator, “Get a planner,” noting that she, “has faith that he understands how important the judiciary program is to TISL and looks forward to seeing someone who can be a liaison between the two branches of TISL government.”

Her favorite things about being Attorney General are the jokes that come with the title and the opportunities that come with the competition, adding that, “if you’re lucky enough to make it to the AMC3 finals, arguing in the Old Supreme Court chambers is a life changing moment.”

When asked her favorite job perk, Strong responded, “if I make it to the final round, getting a clerk to say, ‘Attorney General Hannah Strong,’” which she so rightly deserves.

Strong led her AMC3 team in the final round this morning.

-Cassie Richardson