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ANNOUNCING A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN YGL AND FEDMANAGER.COM!

YGL has partnered with FEDmanager.com to bring the voice of young government leaders to readers of the FEDmanager.com free weekly E-Report.

With more than 25,000 subscribers in every federal agency and across most job categories, FEDmanager.com provides the latest information on new laws, regulations, and other news to help federal employees manage the nation's largest and most important work force. The E-Reports are an easy and convenient way to keep plugged into news, information and events that shape the federal workplace.

YGL's partnership with FEDmanager.com will officially kick off on April 7, when YGL will write its first monthly column in the FEDmanager.com E-Report. To read this column, visit <http://www.fedmanager.com> and click "Subscribe". Also, watch the FEDmanager website for the "Ask Y: Hear it from Young Government Leaders" button. Click this button to submit your questions, comments, or ideas to the YGL board. We will respond to them in our monthly FEDmanager column.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YGL "Third Thursdays" Happy Hour – April 16 at Tabaq

Come out and take a break from your busy day. Enjoy some fun and the camaraderie of fellow YGL members at our Third Thursday Happy Hour! This month, YGL has also invited members from the Federal Cyber Corps Association. Check out these dedicated cyber security professionals specialists at <http://sfscycorps.org>.

When: Thursday, April 16th

Time: 5:30-8:00pm

Where: Tabaq (Special: Buy a drink, get a drink free ☺)
1336 U St NW, Washington DC, near the U St Metro
www.tabaqdc.com

Second Annual FedPitch Competition 2009 – Entry deadline April 4

Do you or someone you know have brilliant, innovative ideas for improving the federal workforce? Here is an opportunity to showcase those ideas and make a difference!

Young Government Leaders has joined with 13L, the Partnership for Public Service, and several other good-government groups to sponsor FedPitch, a competition that selects up to 20 federal employees or ordinary citizens to present a 2-minute "pitch" of their ideas for improving the federal government's ability to attract, engage, and retain a quality workforce.

The pitches in the competition will be presented before a panel of judges and a live audience. The judges will rate each pitch on factors such as originality and feasibility. At the end of the event, the judges will select a winner, who will meet with the judges at a later date to explore strategies for implementing the winning idea.

The FedPitch 2009 competition will be held May 7 from 1:30-3pm on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. as part of Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW). Celebrated since 1985, PSRW is an opportunity to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state, county and local government employees and ensure that our government is the best in the world.

Individuals interested in entering the FedPitch 2009 competition are invited to sign up at www.FedPitch.org. The **deadline is April 4** to submit a proposal to pitch at this year's competition. The pitches will be presented before a live audience and a panel of five judges. The moderator for FedPitch 2009 will be Tim Clark, Editor in Chief of *Government Executive* magazine and the judges are:

- Kate Hudson Walker, President of **Young Government Leaders**
- Chris Major, Executive Council Member of the International Public Management Association for Human Resources
- Vince Micone, Vice President of Development at the Partnership for Public Service
- Robert Tobias, Director of the Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation at the School of Public Affairs at American University
- Orice Williams, Director of Financial Markets and Community Investment at the U.S. Government Accountability Office, and a senior advisor to 13L

If you'd like to see what you'll be up against, or just get some ideas for your agency, check out the finalists from last year's competition:

<http://www.fedpitch.org/fp2008/FedPitch%202008%20Presentations.pdf>

YGL Seeks Volunteers for 2009 Workathon – Saturday, April 24

On Saturday, April 24, 2009, D.C.-based non-profit "Hands On DC will hold its annual Workathon where volunteers spend the day improving the physical condition of DC public schools. YGL is forming a team to participate in this event and is in need of enthusiastic volunteers who are interested in donating part of their Saturday to make a difference in the D.C. community. Work typically involves projects such as painting, cleaning, or landscaping. Volunteers are not required to donate or collect donations but it is appreciated. Donations have enabled Hands On DC to provide over \$570,000 in scholarships as well as purchase supplies (i.e. paint, mulch, etc.) for use during the annual event.

To sign up for “Team Young Government Leaders”, go to <http://handsondc.kintera.org>. Select “Register Here” and then “Join a Team” (scroll down to Young Government Leaders). Questions? Contact Jerome Brown (YGL Team Leader) at jerome.a.brown@gmail.com.

Go to <http://www.handsondc.org> for more information on Hands On DC.

Save the Date: YGL 2nd Annual Photo Scavenger Hunt! – Saturday, May 9th

Time to put your presidential thinking caps on!

Think you know all there is to know about Presidential history? Enjoy exploring D.C. with friends? Then come out to the YGL 2nd Annual Photo Scavenger Hunt on Saturday May 9! There will be prizes for the top three teams and a great post-hunt happy hour party! Start forming your teams of 2-5 and stay tuned for further information.

If you want to help organize the Hunt, please contact younggovernmentleaders@gmail.com.

Sign up Today: Leadership Development Seminars – May and June 2009

The Partnership for Public Service’s *Annenberg Leadership Institute* Seminars help federal agencies build the in-house capacity to innovate and solve management problems. These intensive, two-day seminars develop participants’ leadership skills through the real-life application of classroom lessons.

2009 Seminar topics include:

- **Motivating and Leading People (May 14-15):** Creating an engaged workforce requires a systematic approach to managing talent that begins on day one. This seminar teaches **first- and second-line supervisors** practical approaches to managing and motivating people.
- **Managing Across Levels (June 15-16):** Given government’s traditional hierarchy, it is often challenging for rising leaders to effectively present information and make recommendations to executives. This two-day seminar prepares **GS-9 to GS-12** federal employees to lead from their current position by more effectively influencing and negotiating with peers and managers.
- **Driving Innovation (July 23-24):** Today’s government employees must accomplish more than ever before, with increasingly limited resources. To meet this challenge, public servants must rethink the way they do business. This seminar will teach **GS-12 to GS-14** employees a new approach to driving innovation and winning support for their ideas.

Leaders learn best by doing. It is our focus on action that has made the *Annenberg Leadership Institute* Fellows program so successful - 97 percent of participants report applying the lessons learned in the classroom to their jobs. Using this same approach, we will invite participants in our Seminars to bring challenges they are facing on the job to the classroom. Each participant will leave with an action plan for implementation.

For more information, or to enroll, please go to ourpublicservice.org/alis or contact Laura Howes at lhowes@ourpublicservice.org

YGL IN THE NEWS!

DC Examiner

YGL members Cara Spiro and Julie Saad appeared in the DC Examiner on March 18. They talked about YGL's one-on-one resume assistance program and tips for landing a great federal job.

Check out the article, "Young Government Leaders' give members insight on the ideal resume to secure a fed job", here: <http://www.examiner.com/x-4538-DC-Young-Professionals-Examiner~y2009m3d18-Young-Government-Leaders-give-members-insight-on-the-ideal-resume-to-secure-a-fed-job>

Federal Eye

If you're not a Washington Post junkie already, you will be after reading the Federal Eye, a Washington Post blog by Ed O'Keefe. Ed keeps on top of all the latest news (and soon-to-be-news) that impacts government. He also writes about YGL events and happenings of interest to young government leaders. Check out his blog and send him your comments at <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/federal-eye>.

YGL Blog

Check out YGL's biweekly blog at <http://younggovernmentleaders.blogspot.com>. This week's entry is about the upcoming FedPitch competition (you know your idea rocks, so enter already!)

GovLoop

Have You Joined GovLoop?

YGL co-founder Steve Ressler launched GovLoop.com - "Facebook for Government" last summer and already there are over 7,500 federal, state, local, international govies connecting and sharing ideas and best practices through blogs, forums, videos, and member profiles. When you join, make sure to join the YGL group. And follow Steve on Twitter - @govloop.

ABOUT YOUNG GOVERNMENT LEADERS (YGL)

YGL was founded in 2003 by a handful of young federal employees interested in connecting with their peers. Today, YGL is a recognized non-profit with more than 1800 members in more than 30 agencies and six chapters throughout the government and the country.

YGL's mission is to **educate** and **inspire** young leaders to **transform** government and make it one of the top employment choices for future generations. For its members, YGL provides professional development, networking, and leadership opportunities.

To join, please email younggovernmentleaders@gmail.com. Indicate the organization (Federal, State, Local, Private Sector, etc) you support.