

Bill Almon's Y Story

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In 1961, Everett High School senior Bill Almon demonstrated the power of youth leadership by serving as governor during the YMCA Washington Youth Legislature. During his three-day term, Bill tackled real issues facing Washington, proposing an income tax to replace the sales tax, state-funded college scholarships, annual legislative sessions, and fluoridation of water supplies. His experience through the Y didn't stop at the state level. He also represented the United States as one of just 200 delegates at an international YMCA conference in Amsterdam.

More than 60 years later, the impact of Youth Legislature continues. The program gives young people the opportunity to find their voice, engage in civic leadership, and discover that they have the power to shape the future of their communities. Learn more about Youth & Government at: ymca-snoco.org