



## CLASS XXIX

# Leadership Montgomery's Government Day

Thursday, January 10, 2013

Class Day Chairs: Carol Gunter and Greg Jones, Class XXVIII

Class Day Sponsor: Matthew Duke, Auburn University Center for Government

### STATE GOVERNMENT

*Overall Objective for the Day: To interact with the state and local government leadership to better understand current challenges and opportunities facing our state and region*

**7:30 am -** Arrive at City Hall. Park in the Municipal Parking Deck. You can reach it by approaching it from Madison Avenue or Monroe Street, but park at the Madison Avenue end of the deck. Enter City Hall using the entrance closest to the parking deck on Madison Avenue.

**7:30 am** Pastries and coffee will be served in the old City Council Chambers before loading the Capital of Dreams Bus for transportation to the State House.

**7:55 am** Load the bus. Bus leaves promptly at 8:00 am.

**8:15 am** Welcome and Introduction of Class Day Chairs  
Cheryl Carter, Executive Director, Leadership Montgomery

*Objective: To hear briefly the opinion of the Governor regarding some of Alabama's current and future challenges and his prognosis for our state*

**8:30 am** Brief Welcome and Hopes for 2013  
Governor Robert Bentley

*To learn about some of the priorities of Alabama house members from the leader of the House of Representatives*

**9:00 am** Leadership and the Priorities of the Alabama House of Representatives  
Speaker Mike Hubbard

*To learn about some of the priorities of fellow senators from the leader of the Alabama Senate*

**9:30 am Leadership and the Priorities of the Alabama State Senate**  
Pro Tem Del Marsh

**10 am Break**

*Objective: To learn about the difficulties of managing the state budget during a time of fiscal difficulties and a depressed economy*

**10:15 am Managing the State Budget through a Difficult Economy**  
State Finance Director Marquita Davis

*Objective: To learn what the chair of Reform Alabama feels is Alabama's future, especially in the areas of education, economic development and Medicaid reform*

**10:45 am What Is Alabama's Future: Education, Economic Development and Medicaid Reform?**  
Bradley Byrne, Chairman of Reform Alabama

*Objective: From a class activity designed to demonstrate the nuances of the Legislative process, learn firsthand about how a bill gets passed*

**11:15 am An Interactive Activity: The Process of Passing a Bill**  
Don Ladner, Administrative Assistant to the Clerk of the House

## **LOCAL/REGIONAL GOVERNMENT**

**12:00 A Word from Our Sponsor**  
Matthew Duke, Auburn Montgomery Center for Government

**12:05 pm Boxed Lunches in the Committee Rooms**  
Meet in Your Project Team Groups

**1:05 pm Load Buses for City Hall**

*Objective: To learn how elected officials can work together to bring greater opportunities to the Montgomery area*

**1:30 pm The Challenges and Opportunities Facing Montgomery and Montgomery County in 2013**  
Mayor Todd Strange and Montgomery County Commission Chairman Elton Dean

**2:45 pm Break**

*Objective: To learn the types of challenges, as well as the solutions, with which our elected officials dealt during the course of the 2012 calendar year*

**3:00 pm                    A Broad Perspective of State and Local Elected Officials**

**Elected Officials Panel**

Judge Kelli Wise – Alabama Supreme Court  
Joe Hubbard, Alabama House of Representatives  
Charles Jinright, President, Montgomery City Council  
Eleanor Dawkins, President, Montgomery Public Schools Board  
Reed Ingram, Vice Chair, Montgomery County Commission  
CC Calhoun, Montgomery City Council  
Janet Buskey, Revenue Commissioner, Montgomery County  
Quinton Ross, Alabama State Senator  
Greg Wren, Alabama House of Representatives

Elected officials will introduce themselves one by one by stating their elected position and how long they have been in that position. Then each will share what they believe was the biggest challenge facing them while in public office in 2012 and what they feel was the (decision, law, resolution, change, etc.) that was implemented under their leadership that has had the biggest impact and created the most positive results.

**4:00 pm                    Q and A**

**4:15 pm                    Working with Politicians and Elected Officials**

Lobbyists: Sean Strickler and David Mowery, Class XXVII; Greg Jones, Class XXVIII  
Carol Gunter: Public Affairs Administrator, City of Montgomery

**4:45 pm                    Evaluations**

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