



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Homer Central Junior Serves As Ag Commissioner At YMCA Conference

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**ALBANY, 04/15/13** -- State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) today welcomed Homer Central School junior Alice Jenkins to Albany for the 2013 YMCA Youth and Government Conference.

**“The YMCA Youth and Government Conference is a terrific hands-on teaching tool to help students hone leadership skills and learn the inner-workings of our government,”** said Senator Seward. **“Alice Jenkins and her peers are our future leaders. It is great to see their interest in public service and creative vision to improve our community and society.”**

New York State YMCA Youth & Government is part of a national program which begins at the local level where young people identify a community issue of concern. Students then research their issue and write a report based on their findings. After making presentations at district conferences, students travel to Albany for a statewide event where they are assigned specific responsibilities.

**“As a member of the senate agriculture committee, I was particularly excited to learn that Alice had the opportunity to serve as agriculture commissioner and researched concerns about plastic water bottle use – a timely topic,”** Senator Seward added.

Alice Jenkins has also been selected to represent New York State at the National YMCA Teen Conference on National Affairs in North Carolina, June 29 – July 5.

Additional information is available on-line at [www.nystateymcayag.org](http://www.nystateymcayag.org).

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Photo attached: Senator James L. Seward (right) reviews Homer Central School junior Alice Jenkins' submission for the 2013 YMCA Youth and Government Conference.