



Student Government Association

REFLECTIONS ON FRANKFORT RALLY

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Classes missed (no. and title)	Professor's name
<u>PS 110 Am. Nat'l Govt</u>	<u>Dr. Yaser</u>

After a very exciting, energizing and educational experience at the Capitol Building of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, you are beginning to wrap your head around the inner workings of our state government and how it functions.

1. How do you feel that you impacted this state crisis? What difference did you participating in this rally make?
2. What was the most memorable/important part of the experience you had as a participant in this rally?
3. How/where have you acquired the knowledge and skills that are most important for you, as students, to be able to influence the workings of government and the influence the decisions made?
4. What suggestions do you have (for the university and its faculty) that will better prepare you to be effective participants in shaping and influencing political decisions?
5. What could have been done to make your day more effective or productive?

Each participant will be expected to complete this 'reflections' paper. A copy of it should be given to the SGA Vice President before leaving the bus when you return to campus. A copy of your paper will also be provided to each faculty member whose class you missed to participate in the rally.

By lobbying and rallying at the state capitol by bringing the state universities together, we made our voices heard by legislators and managed to try and push possible solutions to the problem. By participating, I feel I did my part to represent the students of Kentucky's concerns. Studying in the shadow of Lincoln's statue chanting for funding was very memorable for me. I acquired the skills for influence government through your 11 Gov programs in the state. Suggestions - I have for preparing students for political action is by offering citizenship seminars/

Classes, If the mix up with buses hadn't occurred, we would have had more time to lobby with legislators and to spend more time in the capital.

Overall it was a great day, it's thank for, I feel like our voices were heard. Through our continued efforts we can stand up and say to the legislature that we need more funding. While a solution may not come easily, we must be ready to fight for our ~~best~~ funding ~~of state~~ for our education.