

New York State YMCA Youth & Government 2018 - 2019 OFFICER NOMINATION

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

Deputy Speaker of Assembly Freedom

Name: Patrick Barnett

Year in school: 10 Number of years in Y&G: 2

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

My Youth and Government experience began during my freshman year. My positive experience inspired me to be more motivated and driven in all I do. Now as a sophomore, I aspire to lead as your Deputy Speaker of Assembly Freedom. As a two-year member of Youth and Government I have learned to speak, listen and understand the thoughts and views of others. Through serving as the captain of my junior varsity tennis team, I have learned to lead my peers by example. Through my involvement in Key Club, I have learned the importance of sympathy, kindness, and service. As a first time delegate, I entered the chamber with high hopes for my bill which ranked thirteen in Assembly Freedom. From diligently working in conjunction with my bill group for several months, I learned that it is always important to have courage and persistence in order to be successful. Since, I have become a stronger debater and I have served as a committee chair on the club and state level. I also have attended training at Camp Greenkill where I have mastered parliamentary procedure and the usage of the quadrant system which would further enable me to successfully preside over the chamber. The connections and relationships that I have made through Youth and Government have given new hopes and aspirations for the future of this club and the future of our state.

If you were faced with a bill topic that goes against your personal standpoint, how would you effectively handle the matter?

In order to effectively handle the matter, I would approach the bill by disregarding my personal beliefs and view the bill through the prospective of all legislators. In doing so, I will provide a decision based solely on debate and reason. As a leader, it is important to consider all other opinions and views with open ears in order to come to an accurate and unbiased resolve. As your Deputy Speaker, I will demonstrate the importance of showing both empathy and understanding to all viewpoints regardless of my own previous beliefs. My voice will be obsolete to the decision of the chamber.

Define servant leadership and describe how you plan to incorporate this if elected into office:

Servant leadership is the belief that in order to lead, one must put the needs and requests of those they lead above the needs of themselves. The ideals of servant leadership are vital to the Youth and Government program, because it ensures the accurate and equal representation of all delegates, rather than the opinion of conference leadership. If elected, I ensure that the needs of all delegates will be my number one priority. I will be sure to make myself easily accessible to all members of the club by distributing multiple forms of contact information in order to address any and all concerns of all members.

