

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

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

Deputy Speaker of Assembly Liberty

Name: Andrew Parsnip

Year in school: Junior Number of years in Y&G: Three

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

This is my third year in Youth and Government, and I can truly say that without this program I would not be close to the person I am today. Whether it is learning about who I am as a person or what I am able to learn about other people, the experience that this great program has given me is unparalleled. My first conference was eye-opening, to say the least, I was unsure of what it would be like and it was a totally new atmosphere for me. From that day on, I have been able to express my opinions and respect others' just as easily. I have been a part of my school's Campus Ministry Board for the past three years, as well as a member of the Speech and Debate team and the Pallbearer Ministry. I also am a member of the Model UN Club at my high school. These experiences have given me what I believe it takes, to successfully conduct my assembly.

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

If I was faced with a bill topic that went against my viewpoint, I would make sure to put my thoughts and opinions aside and remember that everyone is entitled to their own opinions no matter what. My opinions would not interfere with the other delegates and I would appropriately conduct myself in an unbiased and respectful manner towards all delegates. I would ensure that every delegate receives the same respect and courtesy they deserve. This situation would help me to grow as an individual and serve again as a reminder that we all have different opinions and outlooks on things and that is absolutely fine.

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

Servant leadership is drive and desire that a person has to be a natural leader and is about serving the people not serving oneself. A servant leader is one who listens to the people, who is committed to justice for all. I will ensure that everyone is able to have their voice heard and give a voice to the voiceless. I will do everything in my power in order to see that all delegates are able to have the best experience of their lives and get the most out of Youth and Government, just as I have. I look forward to a successful conference in which all delegates are recognized and have their voices heard.

