

New York State YMCA Youth & Government 2017-2018 OFFICER NOMINATION

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

Lieutenant Governor

Name: Dahlia Ramos

Year in school: 11 Number of years in Y&G_3



Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

My first year in Youth and Government was full of nervous attempts at debate. I saw myself vastly improved as a Bill Sponsor and as a debater over the course of a few short months. Since then, I've had the pleasure of serving the Youth and Government as a Committee Chair at my District Conference for two straight years, as a delegate to CONA (Conference of National Affairs), as President Pro Tempore this past year. Throughout my Youth and Government career, I've had the pleasure to work with some amazing people including my Bill Sponsors, the CONA delegates, and all delegates of the Senate. Youth and Government has helped me participate in activities outside of YAG, including the academic and drill teams in my NJROTC class, my school's nationally ranked Mock Trial team, the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, and several college courses I took at Stony Brook University through the STEP program. I've also used my Youth and Government skills to earn a nomination to the National Academy of Future Physicians and the Medical Scientist Award of Excellence. I am blessed to say that Youth and Government has paved the way for my achievements.

In regards to your platform, what are 2-3 issues you deem important to the delegates of New York State and how do you plan to support their advancement?

Our state is currently operating a budget deficit, which is being felt by school districts across the state. Budget fragments such as education and social programs are being impacted by this lack of funds available, and people in New York are beginning to feel it's effects. Budget balancing is a critical part of a bright future for New York's education system. Another pressing issue that the New York state government has attempted to tackle is the rights of undocumented immigrants. New York's Legislature has failed to realize that New York is the symbol of the American Dream, being the quintessential melting pot of the Unites States. These immigrants are the backbone of our work force, and must be treated as such.

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

It is easy for a chamber to respect a chair because of their title, but not all chairs get their respect from the content of their character. I plan on earning your respect by running the Senate in an impartial and effective manner, allowing for a free flow of ideas and perspectives to be heard in our chamber. A servant leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of the people and community of which they serve. As a servant leader, I promise to put the Chamber above all else, lead for within, rather than from above.