

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

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

Lieutenant Governor

Name: **Jayden A. Mignot**

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

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

- Participated in the 2016-2017 Youth and Government program and was placed in the Senate
- Was chosen to attend the 2017 Youth Conference of National Affairs (CONA) as a first year Youth and Government participant.
- Was placed as the Liberty Liaison in the 2017-2018 Youth and Government Cabinet



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?

One of the most prominent issues that should be addressed by the delegates of New York State is the lack of the public information of sexually transmitted diseases. One out of four teens alone get an std; and above all, 43% of teens who have had sexual relations that were under 18 did not use any form of protection during intercourse. This is an obvious signal that our health education standards is just not doing enough to educate our teenage population about these diseases. To support the advancement of the justification of this statewide problem, I will attempt to modify current health curriculum to include higher standards for sexual education at the highschool level.

Another prominent issue that should be addressed by the delegates of New York State is the Common Core educational system. According to the NEAP (the National Assessment of Educational Progress), 39% of students in 2013 were considered ready for college math and 38% were prepared for college-level reading. But in 2015, only 37% were prepared for college. With the instillment of Common Core math curriculum, New York students who were prepared for college math dropped by 2 percent in just 2 years! To fix this problem, I propose to advocate for the repeal of Common Core by conversing with state legislation so that they can be aware that Common Core is causing an educational regression among our highschool students.

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

A servant leader is someone who shares power with others to create a positive atmosphere for the individual and for his or her peers. If I am elected into office, I will convey servant leadership by working with my fellow delegates to create a better experience at the Youth and Government conference. Youth and Government has greatly affected my life, and would want to make sure that my fellow delegates had the same experience as I did.