

## **New York State YMCA Youth & Government 2018 – 2019 OFFICER NOMINATION**

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

**Speaker of Assembly Liberty**

**Name: Jayden Fritz-Berrios**

Year in school: 11<sup>th</sup>      Number of years in Y&G: 3



**Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:**

I joined Youth and Government in 9th grade and it has been an extremely large part of my growth and development in high school. Last year my bill was passed and signed. However, during my first year, I began in legislative but I was given the opportunity to explore the other side of the democratic process and moved to judicial. In addition to Youth and Government, I am also on my school's mock trial team. I have always been open minded but after being accepted to mock trial I learned how to more clearly articulate my thoughts and ideas. In combination with mock and Youth and Government is where I refined my speaking abilities and learned the importance of having a voice and a strong opinion. I have had the opportunity to gain extensive experience in parliamentary procedure through chairing at local meetings as well as serving as a committee chair at both my district conference and here at our state conference.

**If you were faced with a bill topic that goes against your personal standpoint, how would you effectively handle the matter?** As Speaker, it will be my job to ensure all bills have equal opportunity to be heard. I will ensure that the determining factor for all bills will be the chambers debate, my opinion removed from the process. I will diligently work to make every single delegate's experience a positive one, and my personal ideals will not influence the chambers decisions. I refuse to allow my position to influence the debate or the chamber's decision. Youth and Government is a place where every opinion, person, and idea can and will be heard and that will continue if I am to serve as your Speaker of Assembly Liberty. As your Speaker of Assembly Liberty, I will ensure democracy is learned by every new delegate in attendance, and I will treat all delegates with the respect they deserve. I will look to give back to the program that has given me so much.

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

In my opinion, being a servant leader is having the influence to inspire or lead another young person to take positive action and benefit the world. In order to learn, everyone needs an inspiration or a leader and it would be an honor to have the opportunity to inspire and lead the next generation of delegates. My service would reflect my ideals through making myself available to all delegates. Anytime you contact me I guarantee you will get a response and as soon as possible. Through speedy and effective contact, I will have a much larger window of opportunity to help and inspire younger delegates. I want to help lead this program not to bring myself above others, but to instead raise others above myself.