

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

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

Speaker of Assembly Liberty

Name: **Kelly Lozy-Lester**

Year in school: Junior Number of years in Y&G: 3 years

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

- Leader in D1 Legislative (2017-Present)
- Class President (2017-Present)
- National Honor Society (2017-Present)
- Captain of Varsity Bowling (2017-Present)
- On leadership board for Campus Ministry Board (2016-present)
- Vacation Bible School volunteer (Summer 2014-2017)

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 personal standpoint, I would put all my preconceived beliefs behind me and listen intently with an open mind, heart, ears. I wouldn't immediately close my ears simply because it goes against my personal beliefs, listening to opposing viewpoints is the best way to strengthen my own! It's so important to show respect to others who have different beliefs because it not only helps you become more informed, but also sets a model for the people around you to do the same. In the past, I've demonstrated this through asking technical questions as the bill sponsors presented their bills so I could get a better understanding of why it's so crucial to the state along with trying to formulate pro arguments for the bill. As Speaker of Assembly Liberty I will exercise this concept through my words, actions, and overall attitude.

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

Servant leadership is a pivotal quality that everyone should strive to attain. If anyone wants to be respected as a captain on a team, a director of a club, a boss in a company, or even a Speaker in Youth and Government, one must present their character using the criteria of a servant leader. Servant leadership is defined as treating everyone as your equal, not inferior. It is encouraging others to achieve their highest potential by being a model of empathy, courtesy, and determination. It is sharing one's power, and putting the needs of others first. I will exhibit servant leadership by being a model of these qualities through my character. My experiences in Youth and Government, other sports, and clubs, have taught me what it truly means to be a servant leader. There are many inspiring leaders that have given me a basis of what I want to be. They have shown me the responsibilities, the character, and the mentality of what it truly means to be a servant leader. As Speaker of Assembly Liberty, I will show the same empathy to others as these past leaders have shown to me. I would incorporate this into my position by showing not only consideration, but also complete dedication to serving everyone in not only the Liberty assembly, but the Youth and Government club as a whole.

