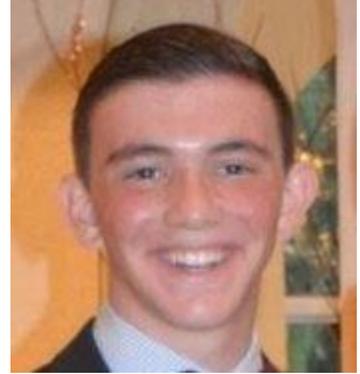


## **Caden McGhie**

### **BTY**

Hi!

My name is Caden and I am running for your Western MVP. I am running for MVP because NFTY is my passion and MV is where I want to dedicate time and skills this upcoming year. I would love to continue making MV as fun and inviting for everyone as it has been for me. NFTY has been a critical part of my life since 8th grade. I have been doing membership work since 8th grade at a TYG level, and became very active at a regional level freshman year, in my prior region, even running for Regional MVP in 10th grade. I have attended multiple leadership-training institutes and have a lot of experience, enthusiasm, and ideas to bring to MV. In the past, I have held leadership/board positions for Spirit club, cooking club, school athletic programs, speech and debate, and writing for our school's "Cappies" program. I also proudly competed in thespians, Speech and Debate, Varsity Track, and Varsity Football. I was even the CVP for my entire school back in FL, up until I moved. My leadership experience extends beyond this brief list, and I believe I have a lot to offer.



#### **Why do you want to be on Regional Board?**

I am running for MVP because MV is where I want to dedicate my time this upcoming year. NFTY has been a huge part of my life since 8th grade, and now I have my last year a head of me. I want to give back to MV all NFTY has given to me. In addition, I would love to continue making MV as fun and inviting for everyone as it has been for me. As MVP I want to continue to make sure that everyone is engaged and happy with MV programs and mixers. I will work to make sure that new members and old members alike are as comfortable and happy as possible. I will work to ensure new members are comfortable around existing members as soon as possible, so we can maintain the warm, welcoming, and familiar environment we've come to know as NFTY MV. NFTY has evolved into a second home for me, and I want to make sure it is like that for every member: today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

#### **What are your qualifications for the position of Western MVP?**

One of my many qualifications is that I have served multiple times, as a variety of positions, on MVP Teams since 8th grade; I have helped plan regional events in STR, worked as CVP for my school, and I have held countless other leadership positions. Through these positions, I have worked and tested my communication skills. Another demonstration of my leadership skills is that over the summers I run a small acoustic music festival at my camp. I have done this 6 times now. In running this I deal with a lot of people, I coordinate conflicts, I calm nervous participants, and without fail I deal with and overcome numerous obstacles. I have learned to handle all sorts of situations that lay out me and my team's control. Furthermore, these experiences have helped me develop great problem solving and people skills.

Similarly, I have also served on SG and was an active leader on my old school's football team since 6th grade. This provides evidence to my devotion to a cause as well perseverance and leadership skills.

**What traits do you possess that would make you an effective regional board member?**

I want to use my past experiences on numerous boards, in practically every position, to help the rest of my regional board with everything I can. I believe I can serve as a fairly utilitarian board member, eager to assist when ever possible. Furthermore, I will remain in constant contact with each person on the Regional Board and help everything run as smoothly as possible. I will institute the same concept of constant personal communication with my MVP network through social media, over the phone, through text and in person when ever possible.

Each person is unique, this is something we all know, but I have learned through 4 years of experience as an MVP. Multiple times. I will mix my past experiences as a CVP (and other board positions) with those as an MVP to reach the maximum amount of members possible in a personal and meaningful way, as well as to be a utilitarian board member.

**What have you achieved in positions of leadership in NFTY you're proud of?**

I started in NFTY in 8th grade and immediately fell in love. I started helping with the MVP team late my 8th grade year, making it to the point where in 10th grade I ran for STR RegBo. Although my history of leadership in NFTY has been extensive, I am most proud of the results to my efforts. My work as an MVP has lead to friendships and relationships with countless individuals. Getting to know so many people so well has been one of the highlights to my NFTY Career.

**What are you looking forward to accomplishing for MV? How do you plan to achieve these things?**

One of my goals as MVP is to keep MV growing, both at a regional level and local level, but to keep in mind that the one thing more important than the quantity is the quality. It is important to have engaged participants who help maintain the positive environment we've all come to love. I will do everything in my power to make sure every member feels comfortable with each other at events on local and regional levels and that they are having fun. I will achieve this by reaching out and developing a close personal relationship with my entire MVP network.

I will encourage MVPs to build strong relationships with their members and to constantly reach out to potential members, while doing the same at BTY. Ideally I would have an open line of communication with each TYG and be able to attend events led by each TYG (within a reasonable vicinity). My goals are to make sure all of the incoming 9th graders are welcome, and that they make at least one friend off the bat. At regional events I want to be that friendly face for new members, and that familiar and welcoming face for existing members. One close friend is all someone needs to spark an interest, and soon enough they'll find where they belong, here in NFTY MV.