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Hi NFTY MV, I'm Malone (not I'm alone) I am your regional cabinet social justice education advocate from St. Louis, Missouri. Aside from NFTY I enjoy reading and watching Gilmore Girls. Usually I spend my summers at Camp Birchwood for Girls but this summer I have the privilege of going on a social justice trip with Cultural Leadership where I will get to meet many civil rights leaders and inspiring activists while driving down the freedom trail. When I'm not thinking about social justice I'm probably thinking about sushi, excuses to get out of track, or my Silver Honda Pilot.



Why do you want to be on Regional Board?

I am extremely passionate about both NFTY and social justice. I enjoy being a social justice leader in my community and think that the best way to reach the most people possible is through regional board. If I am elected on the regional board I would be able to share my passion of social justice with the many teens in MV and have a greater influence on communities throughout our region reaching past my normal sphere of influence.

What are your qualifications for the position of SAVP?

Inside the NFTY community I have been on my TYG board as the SAVP for the 2015-16 year and the 2016-17 year. I also have the regional cabinet position Social Justice Education Advocate. I also participated in SALT (Social Action Leadership Trip) with Alex this past summer and after attended Mechina. Outside of NFTY I am in Cultural Leadership, an opportunity that combines leaders in the African American and Jewish community to shape the future social justice leaders of our generation. I also participate in Sparkle which is an all inclusive cheer and dance squad and Best Buddies which is a program that aims to enhance the lives of teens with Intellectual and developmental disabilities. I started a Gun Violence Prevention club at my school under the organization Students United Against Gun Violence.

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

The most important quality I possess is good communication skills. I think as a Regional Board member communication is very important especially between TYG board members and other regional board members living in different cities. Also I am very organized which is important for making deadlines and ensuring events run smoothly. Finally I am very ambitious and set high goals for myself. As a regional board member I would set high goals for what I want to accomplish and what others should be working towards.

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

Both my sophomore and junior year I was my TYG's SAVP and I was able to plan our Social Action Shabbat Shuol In (SASSI). My sophomore year I led the way in centering the programming around mental health awareness. I was really proud of the program because it was my first

time really taking leadership in NFTY. I planned a full night of programs sharing and teaching about mental illnesses, and it was amazing to not only write my own programs but also create programs that I am passionate about. This year when I was given the chance to plan SASSI, I partnered with my co-SAVP instead of writing the programs by myself. I collaborated with my co about programs in poverty. Not only did the programs run smoothly, but our youth group was able to enjoy the programs while also learning about social action and helping our community by making sack lunches.

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

This year for MV I want to focus on community and help the individual TYG's look at their community and address the specific needs of their area. A large part of this will be finding partner youth groups in each city from a different religion or ethnic group. To accomplish this I will work with TYG SAVP's to help find other active youth groups in their area that would want to work with NFTY to complete a service project in each city. I also want to make the topics and programs more interesting to general NFTYites. Instead of choosing a topic which may only interest a few people. I want to get feedback from the region about what issues they want to address. The best way to accomplish this would be to set up polls on the NFTY MV facebook group to decide on a social action topic we will focus on for each event.