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SETYG

Why do you want to be on Regional Board?

I want to be on regional board simply because I have a deep love for NFTY, and I want to be in a position where I can share that love with others. Starting in eighth grade and throughout my high school career so far, I have seen the way that NFTY brings people together, the bonds it forms, and the fun that people have. At first I was just happy that I had these amazing friends and was experiencing the community that is NFTY, but as I have matured I found that I also gained happiness from being able to help and watch other people make friends and have fun. Through the position of Membership Vice President, I am able to do just that. After holding a local and regional MVP position, I have gained skills and qualities that I can contribute to building an even stronger community in our region. I want to be on regional board because I want to be able to share my love for NFTY with others.

What are your qualifications for the position for which you are running?

I know that holding the position of Membership Vice President is an enormous responsibility but I think that I possess the proper qualifications to do a good job. First, I was MVP for SETYG my sophomore year, so I understand the importance of TYG membership to the region. Secondly, I held the position of SLIID MVP this past year, so I know what might be in store for the coming year. I have learned how to perform well in this position and developed skills I didn't have last year which will lead to me doing a better job. I also attended two Junior Youth Group Chavurahs as a high schooler so I know what goes into leading a productive JYG. Additionally, I had the opportunity to partake in leadership training at the North American events Mechina and Veida, where I was equipped with additional skills to be a more effective MVP, board member, and NFTY-ite. Outside of NFTY, I will be a co-captain of my varsity cross country team and co-editor of my school's newspaper, both of which demonstrate that I can be leader not just in NFTY but in general.

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

Collaboration, being communicative, and a hard work ethic are three crucial traits that come into play in the MVP position. When on board, you have eight other individuals with different crucial skills that you are able to work with. You also have a whole North American network at your expense of other regional MVPs. Collaboration with these people is imperative to writing successful mixers, reaching out to a new participant, or alternate communication techniques. This leads into my next trait-being communicative. As MVP, it is my job to reach out and talk to

everyone. I hold the confidence to reach out to many different people in many different ways. This also means knowing the information about what event i am recruiting for (times, dates, place, etc). Finally, a hard work ethic. Whether it be school, NFTY, or cross country, I put everything I have into the work I am doing to receive the best results. I feel like I proven these things throughout this year as MVP and would be honored to be able to continue.

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

My biggest leadership accomplishment in NFTY was winning SLIID Membership Vice President last spring. In this position I have been able to accomplish keeping our membership steady compared to last year, as well as writing countless mixers for each regional event. Additionally, our Junior Youth Group membership grew and reaching out to everyone that I am able to. Prior to winning SLIID MVP, i held the position of MVP for SETYG my sophomore year where our local event numbers were fairly high. That year I also was able to plan a program with the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in St. Louis about anti-semitism and how to combat it.

What are you looking forward to accomplishing for MV?

My overall goal of what I aim to accomplish is helping everyone find their place in Missouri Valley, and through this I believe that we will be able to form a larger, stronger community. Over the past year I have gained a wealth of skills to help me better lead and support the MVP network. This year I want to have more interaction between MVPs and have more support within the network so that MVPs stay in contact and push each other to be the best at their job. The more contact and support MVPs have will grow our TYG membership which impacts regional membership. I also want to extend leadership opportunities. Working the regional PVP or whichever TYG is hosting the event, I want to send out a spreadsheet before each event where people can sign up for what they are interested in group leading. This will expand NFTY-ites horizons and can help people find out what they are interested in, as well as safe program leaders stress when trying to find group leaders. Lastly I want to do the same things I did for JYG this year, with personal notes from high schoolers about JYG. I also would like to put more emphasis on high schoolers attending local JYG events and the regional JYG Chavurah. If we can accomplish these things together, we will be able to strengthen our region.