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## **VISION STATEMENT**

Programming is the foundation of all chapters and regions across the International Order. Without quality programming, there would be no Alephs. It provides opportunities to meet new people and create lifelong friendships. Our region, the Nassau Suffolk Region, is one of the greatest regions to ever exist and I am extremely committed to our region as a whole. I am eager to continue my BBYO career as your Regional S'gan. BBYO is a safe space where everyone feels welcome and as your Regional S'gan I plan to continue that. I also plan to introduce new and unique ideas not only for programming, but outside of events as well. For example, an interchapter fantasy sports league is a way to stay connected to BBYO friends whilst branching out to meet new people from other chapters. It will also provide a feeling of unity within our region, outside of scheduled programs.

## How will you ensure that regional programs will accommodate our growing number of teens while still retaining the same level of quality in programming?

As our region grows, a main priority must be accommodating our growing number of teens while still maintaining the level of programming that we have grown accustomed to. One extremely important aspect of programming is location. Overall, the location can make or break a program whether on a chapter, regional or international level. For example at a convention during my BBYO career, the tradition of AZA spirit was obstructed due to not being able to jump on the floors. I will personally ensure that every location chosen is fully suitable for our programming to thrive throughout the year.

## What key ideas do you have pertaining to the improvement of AZAA and Brotherhood Overnight?

There are many ways that AZAA and Brotherhood Overnight could be improved. We should have at least two AZAA events per year, a football or basketball tournament and a Spikeball tournament. Adding a Spikeball tournament has never been done before and I know that many Alephs in the region would love to play Spikeball with their brothers. As S'gan I would make sure that we found spaces with many basketball courts, a big field (Spikeball/football), and/or a beach (Spikeball). Since Spikeball is a sport that is meant to be played outside, if the event were to be challenged due to weather I will ensure that we have a backup location with high ceilings to accommodate us. Brotherhood Overnight is an event that can create unbreakable bonds between Alephs. I would make sure that we have the greatest Brotherhood Overnight that this region has ever seen to make up for not having one these past few years. To do so, I would make it my top priority to find a location that has plenty of room for our tents and activities. I would also implement a steering team so that the region has a say in what activities we do.