

Dear NFTY-SO,

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make” (Jane Goodall.) During quarantine in 2020, I remember scrolling through my TV, searching for something to entertain my boredom. I came across *Jane Goodall: The Hope*, an inspirational documentary that focuses on Jane Goodall’s determination for hope and change. This film sparked my interest in social action as I watched Jane advocate for animal rights. This documentary planted my realization that I can make a difference within this world. Jane Goodall has been a massive influence on my activism, and I want to be able to give this feeling and opportunity to other people. This reason is why I, Maya Freedman, am running for Social Action Vice President.

NFTY-SO has always been a group that I have been eager to participate in. The inclusiveness and lively environment make the community so welcoming. If elected as SAVP, I will make sure to maintain these values. My focus will be to create a positive and empowering community that encourages involvement. In relation to Jane Goodall’s quote, I will inspire a mindset that each NFTYite has the power to make a difference. Furthermore, I will provide a variety of opportunities and activities so that everyone can participate. I will explore ideas such as environmental awareness, women empowerment, animal rights, and more. One specific goal I will implement is the increased planting of trees within cities. I will create a safe space for NFTYites to express concerns and topics that they want to learn about. Lastly, I will be a reliable source for information regarding Dream Street. I will keep NFTY-SO engaged in Dream

Street news, as well as National NFTY updates. I am very thrilled to be running for SAVP!

Thank you,

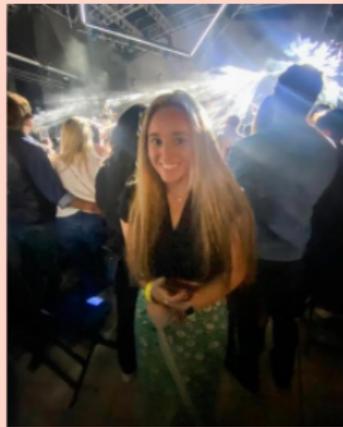
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**NFTY SO 2022-2023
SOCIAL ACTION VICE
PRESIDENT CANDIDATE**

Qualifications

- 2021-2022 Teen Council Member at The Mississippi Museum of Art
- Active member in school clubs: Women's Empowerment, Advocates for Change, and Beta Club
- Created an Environmental Awareness Club (Vice President)
- Experience in designing, creating, and editing media as a second year student in the Video Production Academy



Platform

- Create an engaging, positive, and welcoming community
- Provide resources and opportunities to educate
- Connect NFTY SO, Dream Street, and National NFTY
- Be helpful and reliable to other board members
- Be flexible to any ideas and suggestions



Meet me!

- I'm filming a mini-doc about musical expression
- I've gone to Jacobs Camp since 2012
- I'm a huge Jane Goodall fan
- My favorite artist is Harry Styles

