

Welcome 2010-2011 Delegates! I am Raul Sanchez and I have been given the honor to serve you all as your Youth Lieutenant Governor.

Youth and Government is not like any program I've ever been a part of or experienced. Youth and Government (Y&G) is so much more than just a teen program that teaches generations about democracy and servant leadership. It is a program that turns motivated teens into honest, caring, respectable, responsible young adults. Further, it is a program that promotes positive values, creates leaders, builds spirits, and develops our voices. However, most importantly Y&G is in many ways a family. I can honestly say that through this program I have created a second family. Every year I continue to create friendships with some of the state's most accomplished teens, whether it is at the annual state conference, at CONA, or at Camp Greenkill at a Steering Committee meeting. Participating as a delegate and attending the State Conference every March is truly an amazing experience.



This program has empowered teens like myself and you all to make a difference in our communities. Y&G has given me and so many other teens the opportunity to meet with state legislators and stand and speak before the senate and assembly chambers; things that I always thought were impossible. Through Y&G I have found my voice and have gained a passion to help, to lead, and to be a change agent within my community.

As we enter a new Y&G year I ask you all to create friendships, get involved within your community, find your voice, but most importantly to be servant leaders for others. This program gives us all the opportunity to make a difference - therefore I charge that it is your responsibility to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at rsanchez@ymcanyc.org. I look forward to working with you all this year and I'm looking forward to this year's conference!

Best,

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