

George Latimer
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Youth Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint David Diao, 165 Madison Road, Scarsdale, New York as a member of the Westchester County Youth Board, for the term October 3, 2022 to December 31, 2024.

Given under my hand
and seal this 3rd day
of October, 2022.


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October 3, 2022

David Diao
165 Madison Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Dear David,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Youth Board effective today, Monday, October 3, 2022. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office within 30 days, either by appearing at the County Clerk's office or mailing the signed and notarized form to our office.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed. Please contact the Youth Bureau (914) 995-2760 for the date, place, and time of the Youth Board upcoming meeting for your participation.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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cc: Honorable Board of Legislators
DaMia Harris, Executive Director, Youth Bureau
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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David Diao

Junior at Scarsdale High School (SHS)
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Highlights

- Experienced team leader with strong initiative, accountability, and critical thinking
- Great team player with solid interpersonal skills and a collaborative attitude
- Passionate about philosophy, politics, governance, and law
- Strong interest in bettering the local community through youth initiatives
- Accomplished debater, nationally ranked in Public Forum debate and other forms of debate
- Excellent academic record, grade A and above in all subjects (all classes taken at the highest level)

Extracurricular Activities

- Vice President – SHS School Government (February 2022 - Present)
 - Organized school-wide peer-led learning program: Working with teachers and encouraging students to teach lessons during class about their passions
 - Worked with administration and faculty to organize and facilitate school-wide Non-Sibi day of service: Students heard from guest speakers (Jamaal Bowman, American Legion Veterans, Hudson Link, etc.) and participated directly in community service (making meals for Midnight Run, Art supply boxes for Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, etc.)
- President – SHS Class 2023 Student Government (3 Terms, October 2019 - January 2022)
 - Initiated and organized in-person and online activities to build a stronger student community during the pandemic: Outdoor Movie Night, Trivia night, Virtual scavenger hunt, etc.
 - Organized charity events to help the local community: Raised over \$19,000 for the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. Organized the school-wide donation campaign for Hudson Link (biggest school event in 2021. Featured on the front page of the *Scarsdale Inquirer*)
- Team Captain – SHS Public Forum Debate Team (2021 - Present)
 - Developed comprehensive lesson plan and overall team organization structure for 9 officers and ~20 team members
 - Committed significant time each week to managing team activities and leading direct instruction
 - Team has achieved best competitive results since 2005
- Team Member – SHS Public Forum Debate Team (2019 - 2020)
- President – SHS Shakespeare Club (2022 - Present)
- Vice President – SHS Shakespeare Club (2020 - 2021)
- Band Member (Alto Sax Player) – Hoff Barthelson Music School Jazz Band (2013 - Present)

Volunteer Activities

- Member of Youth Empowerment Council for Change of Westchester County Youth Bureau (2020 - Present)
 - Worked with team members on various service initiatives: Food sustainability webinar, meetings with state representatives to advocate funding for youth programs, etc.
- Team lead for the Post Pandemic Task Force Program (Entrepreneur in Residence) co-organized by Greenburgh Town Hall and Zuckerberg Institute (January - July 2021)
 - Led team in helping local business recover during pandemic through working on social media presence, community advertisement, and store renovation.
- Organizer for an Online Tutoring Program for middle school and high school students interested in debate and public speaking; partner of Mr. Vernon, NY, and Ridgefield, CT Boys and Girls Clubs to initiate Public Speaking After School Programs; over 150 hours worked and taught around 70 students in total (2020 - 2021)
- One of four high school student panelists selected for the Education Input Forum by the Walton Family Foundation (March 2022)

Summer Activities

- Initiated and organized Public Forum Debate Summer Camp and tournaments for middle school and high school students / ~ 60 students (August 2021, July - August 2020)
- Attended Economics for Leaders summer program with scholarship (July 2021)
- Selected to represent Scarsdale High School in the Global Education Benchmark Group Global Dialogues for Student Leaders program (July 2021)
- Interned at Greenburgh Town Hall: Learned about local government while helping create awareness campaigns for the township (July - August 2020)

Awards

- Junior Scholarship & Service Award by the Faculty of SHS / Only recipient in Junior class (May 2022)
- Academic Excellence in Social Studies Award by the Social Studies Department of SHS / One of two recipients in both Junior and Senior classes (May 2022)
- Qualifier for the 2022 Coolidge Cup for Debate (May 2022)
- Boys State Nominee – Nominated by Scarsdale American Legion Post 52 for the state-wide convention (March 2022)
- Second Top Speaker & Top 5 Team (TOC Gold Bid) – Florida Blue Key Invitational / 188 debaters (November 2021)
- Top 10 Team (TOC Gold Bid) – Yale Invitational in Varsity PF Division / 258 teams (October 2021)
- High Commendation – John Locke Institute Essay Prize Awards in Philosophy (September 2021)
- Second Place Nationwide Regional & National Finalist – Great Communicator Debate Series / 282 debaters (July 2021)
- Silver Key – Scholastic Art and Writing Awards in Critical Essay (March 2021)
- Top 16 Team (TOC Gold Bid) – Harvard Invitational in Varsity PF Division / 249 teams (February 2021)

