



## 2011– 2012 Executive Board Nominating Statements

The nominations are in, and it's time to vote! Please read all of the OUTSTANDING nominating statements, decide which candidates you think would be best for each position, and submit your vote by e-mail to [ALUMNI@HOBYNYE.ORG](mailto:ALUMNI@HOBYNYE.ORG) by **FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2011**. ALL HOBY NYE ALUMNI CAN VOTE.

In your e-mail, include:

Your Name:

Alumni Year:

Area:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Public Relations:

Area 1 President:

Area 3 President:

Area 4 and Area 5 Presidencies are uncontested and the nominees will be appointed by the outgoing Executive Board.

Any spots left vacant (Area 2 and Area 6 Presidencies) will be appointed by the incoming Executive Board.

# President

1 Nominee

**Shilpa Taneja**

**HOBY NYE 2010, WLC 2010**

**E-Board VP 2010-2011, Shaker CLeW Planning Committee 2011, NYE J-Staff 2011**

Hey HOBY! My name is Shilpa Taneja, I will be a senior at Shaker High School this year, and I'm running for the position of E-board President! I am a HOBY NYE 2010/WLC 2010 alumni, and I also served as the E-board Vice-President last year. I had such an amazing time at the NYE seminar and at WLC that I knew I wanted to stay involved with HOBY. Throughout the past year, HOBY has taught me how to become a more confident and outgoing leader. I've enjoyed doing community service and planning HOBY alumni events with the rest of the E-Board, who have become some of my best friends. Being on the E-Board has also inspired me to spread all the leadership qualities that I've learned to other alumni and future ambassadors! While I was a J-Staff at the HOBY NYE 2011 seminar, I was able to see some of the ambassadors in my own group change from being timid and shy, to leaders who were no longer afraid to be themselves. Seeing that amazing transformation in an ambassador in just a short weekend is exactly what HOBY means to me. The HOBY E-Board is not just another extracurricular activity to add to my resume, it is always the highlight of my month; the days where I get to meet and volunteer with the outstanding E-Board are the ones I look forward to most.

Being Vice-President of last year's E-Board definitely prepared me to take on an even bigger leadership role for the upcoming year, but I am also very involved in many activities besides HOBY that have helped me become a leader in my community. I am an active member of my high school's Student Government and Building Council, and I volunteer every week at the Albany Medical College. These experiences have helped me to become more outgoing, but they have also made me more approachable and easy to talk to, which I think is so important when meeting with the E-Board and other HOBY alumni.

My goal as E-Board President is to make it very easy for all HOBY NYE alumni to be informed on all volunteer events so they can stay involved, no matter what area they live in. One of my favorite parts of the HOBY NYE seminar is seeing how many ambassadors choose to stay involved with HOBY after the weekend is over! I hope to see all of you at a HOBY event soon!



# Vice President

4 Nominees

**Morgan Judkins**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

My name is Morgan Judkins and I'm running for Vice President of the NYE Alumni Association. I attended HOBY NYE in June of 2011. HOBY has forever changed my life. Before attending HOBY I never would have expected that I'd be running for Vice President of HOBY NYE. HOBY is about honing in ones leadership skills and helping ambassadors from all over come together and become better leaders in their community. I want to see the change in the future ambassadors that I saw in myself at HOBY. Seeing many ambassadors change from being shy on the first day to becoming outstanding members of not only the conference but eventually to their community is an amazing process . I feel that people should vote for me to become the next Vice President because I know that I can make a difference in the lives of more sophomores that attend HOBY NYE. I know that I can help next year's ambassadors improve their leadership skills and become extraordinary leaders in their own community. I feel I am a strong candidate for this position because I am extremely well organize and responsible. I feel that I will bring fresh new ideas to the board and could really make a difference just as the past Vice Presidents have. Thank you for considering my nomination statement for Vice President of HOBY NYE.

Sincerely,  
Morgan Judkins



**Mary-Elisabeth Moore**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

My name is Mary-Elisabeth Moore, and I wish to nominate myself for Vice President of the E-Board.

Articulating my love for HOBY is a rather daunting task. So much of what I experienced and learned at the seminar can be applied to almost all areas of my life and it is quite hard to water down into one description. However, to generalize how HOBY affected me, I would say that it instilled in me a motivation to do good. HOBY taught me that one of the most selfish acts is to disregard one's own potential because, with that potential, one can accomplish profound things for the greater good of others. HOBY's many volunteer opportunities ensure that I will always have the chance to give back to my community. I know that I can help implant in the next generation of HOBY alumni the same motivation to do good that HOBY has instilled in me.

At my school, I have gained a great portion of experience with leadership and service. I am currently the Co-Head of a Christian group on campus, FOCUS; an editor for my school's newspaper, *Clock*; a member of both the current events group and fundraising committee, and I volunteer weekly at my parish. Through FOCUS and the fundraising committee I helped organize two events which raised money for the earthquake in Japan, as well as a Christmas Toy Drive, and a fundraiser for the people of Haiti. With my experience, leadership skills, and passion for service I will be able to help organize and motivate the HOBY alumni in all future HOBY events.

People should vote for me because, in addition to my experience, I have innate attributes that make me a good leader such as organization, integrity, and dedication to my work. I am also exceptionally trustworthy and well organized. I look forward to an outstanding future with the HOBY community and hope that you all vote for me as Vice President of the E-Board. Thank you very much. Also my brother was the last E-Board President, just saying.

HOBY Hugs,  
Mary-Elisabeth



**Ellen Stockert**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

**What does HOBY mean to you?**

HOBY means family to me, because it is only in a family that everyone can really be himself or herself without having to worry about being judged. At HOBY I really feel that people are comfortable with themselves and each other. I also really love the enthusiasm and passion of HOBY and its ability to spread this enthusiasm to people outside the HOBY "family."

**Why should people vote for you for the role of Vice President for 2011-2012?**

I am dedicated and a hard worker, and in such a short time, HOBY has already become a huge part of my life and my attitude. I only hope to get more involved!

**What experiences/qualifications do you possess that make you a strong candidate for the position?**

I am organized, outgoing, friendly, enthusiastic, passionate, responsible, and a good team player. I also help out as a camp counselor for children with disabilities, and these amazing children are teaching me how to better connect with other people and think "without a box."

**Is there anything else that we should know about you before we vote?**

I have been involved with community service for many years, and it has become one of my passions. I am also very involved in my school's Key Club and in sports.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Stockert



**David Morrison**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

My name is David Morrison and I am running for the Executive Board position of vice president. I am a 2011 HOBY NYE alumni. HOBY is very important to me for various reasons. It reminded me that you should always be yourself and if you are, you find that you are much more comfortable. It also taught me numerous new leadership techniques that I can use for the rest of my life. People should vote for me because I am a very good leader, and I can also let everyone's voice be heard when they want it to be. I qualify for this position because I have been president of my class for the past four years and will be again next year. I am also a captain on my football team. This means I have what it takes to be a leader and represent a large group of people. Thank you everyone for your consideration and I hope you choose to vote for me for the vice president.



# Secretary

3 Nominees

## Amber Decker HOBY NYE 2011

HOBY means the world to me. I know it sounds cliché, but since the seminar, I can't imagine not experiencing the weekend that I had. HOBY brings everything that I value together. Cheering, volunteering, and leadership, how could life mean anything more?! HOBY has taught me the ways of leadership, and allowed me to make amazing friends. I want to continue my HOBY experience forever, thus my running for a position as secretary.

I believe that HOBY alumni should vote for me because I will work hard, and demonstrate the HOBY spirit. I want other alumni to want and love to volunteer just as much as I do. I am a very organized person, and will complete all the necessary duties of secretary with flying colors. I also am very easy to be in touch with, and am open to all others opinions and ideas. Facebook, email, phone, or any other form of communication, I will always lend an ear. I want to continue to lead others to do the right thing, and I would love to start with HOBY.

Running for the position of secretary is a chance that I am willing to take. Through the last couple of years, I have had great experiences that will qualify me to hold a leadership position. In the past, I have been an officer in many clubs, including the secretary of my graduating class. I have held positions in clubs dealing with volunteerism such as Future Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Friends of Rachel. I have also been major parts of other clubs such as Student Government, Best Buddies, and Key Club. This past year, I have attended a girls leadership conference, attended the HOBY seminar at RPI, and I am going to WLC (World Leadership Conference) for HOBY in July. I am a very sociable, and a hard working person, and I will dedicate my time and put in 150% effort into make HOBY OUTSTANDING for the next year!

Now before alumni vote, I want you to know that I cannot successfully express how much I love HOBY, and how much it would mean to me to be the new secretary. The past E-Board has done such a terrific job, it will be hard to fill their shoes, but I am ready for a challenge. So all of the alumni, I would love it if you would vote for me, Amber Decker, as the new E-Board secretary!

**What do we think about voting Amber Decker for E-Board Secretary 2011-2012?!**  
**Outstanding! Woo!**



**Amanda Gnirrep**

**HOBY NYE 2010**

**E-Board Cabinet 2010-2011, Shaker CLew Planning Committee 2011, NYE J-Staff 2011**

Hey HOBY! I'm Amanda and I was J-staff for Blue N this year. I'm running to be your E-Board secretary this year! HOBY means everything to me. When I was an ambassador, I knew that it was something that would change my life, and boy was I right. I love HOBY and I want to make it the best it can be. Attending as an ambassador and a J-staff have taught me many different things. It has introduced me to the nicest people I know, and has shown me how to be a better leader. I have become a better person because of HOBY, and I know that I can make a difference in the world. I want to continue to stay involved and continue to help out as much as I can, which is why I'm running for secretary. I am organized and will always give my input into what I think will make HOBY even more outstanding! Being part of many school activities and taking an active role in them has taught me commitment, as well as time-management skills that are necessary to be a good secretary. I want to make a difference and an impact in other ambassadors lives, so help me do this by voting me secretary of your E-Board!



**Swati Mehrotra**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

Hi! My name is Swati Mehrotra, I am a 1<sup>st</sup> year alumni, and I am running for the position of secretary. Attending the HOBY seminar has had a profound change on me in just the few weeks it has been since I was there. Although HOBY was tons of fun, and I met people there that I know I will be friends with for years to come, HOBY has impacted me on an even deeper level. After listening to many speakers and presentations, HOBY has instilled the desire to help the community in me. Even more importantly, it has shown me that I do not have to wait until I am older to make my mark on the world, but that I can, and should, do so now. As I realize how much I want to help my community and those in it, it seems to me that there is no better way to do so than become more involved in HOBY. People should vote for me for secretary because I am dedicated, creative, and organized. I am a very hard worker, a great note taker, and would love to work to help the E-board with secretarial duties, as well as anything else HOBY leaders would need to help make a positive impact on society. I am currently the president of my high school branch of the club Raise and Give, in which we are currently raising money to sponsor the building of a well to provide clean water in Africa. In Raise and Give, we have also sponsored a child in Africa, named Pegginator, for many years, and we have fundraised for countless other causes such as the AIDS Awareness Foundation, the Red Cross, and Bead for Life, an organization which sells bracelets made by Ugandan women and sends them the profits. As president, it is my responsibility to take care of the organizational tasks of Raise and Give, as well as come up with creative and effective fundraising ideas, and attract people to the cause we are representing. I feel that I can use all of these skills to be a great secretary for HOBY, and do all I can to better the program. I hope that you all will take into account all that I have to offer to HOBY, and realize how much I would love to be secretary of this year's E-board. Thanks!



# Public Relations

4 Nominees

**Laurel Abowd**

**HOBY NYE 2010**

**E-Board Cabinet 2010-2011, Shaker CLeW Planning Committee 2011, NYE J-Staff 2011**

Hey HOBY!!! My name is Laurel Abowd, and I am running to be this year's Public Relations E-board member. I am a 2010 alum, and I was a J-Staff this year. I love HOBY. The people who are a part of HOBY are the most enthusiastic and dedicated people I know. Gandhi once said, "be the change you wish to see in the world", and I adore that HOBY provides so many young people with the opportunity to do just that. As Public Relations representative, I will work my hardest to generate interest and enthusiasm so that our events can be as successful as possible. I am very organized, efficient, and responsible. In addition, I am also optimistic and enthusiastic – perfect for encouraging others to come to all of our outstanding events! This year, I organized a group of HOBY alumni to work at a Habitat for Humanity build site. I have experience contacting outside organizations to set up events, and I have created event pages on Facebook. I also helped plan the Shaker CLeW and volunteered at many HOBY events. I work well with others and get along with everyone. Please vote for me! I will help make this the most OUTSTANDING HOBY year ever!!!!



**Meredith Corsi**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

Hello! My name is Meredith Corsi. I am a 2011 alumnus and I am running for the position of Public Relations.

To me, words cannot describe HOBY. The three days that I had the privilege of spending there were absolutely magical. The infinite number of memories and skills that I took back home with me afterward have inspired me. I made met so many wonderful people and met so many friends for life. It was by far the best weekend I've ever had.

I would respectfully ask that my fellow alumni vote for me for Public Relations for 2011-2012. I am willing to prove that I am capable of not only getting the job done, but performing my duties to the best of my abilities. Those who know me say that I am an enthusiastic, outgoing, and friendly person, and I know that these qualities would help me with Public Relations as it is primarily a job dealing with people. As you may see in the description of the job, the first word is "ADVERTISE!" A quality you may not have noticed about me (sarcasm, of course) I am very, very good at getting people's attention and I will channel this into my work if elected for Public Relations.

I know that I can do a great job if elected to this position because of my past experiences. As freshman class president, and student council homeroom representative for this past year and the coming year, I know that I possess the "people skills" necessary for Public Relations. I'm also a Project Coordinator for the Junior Ladies of Charity and I am very diligent about deadlines, contacting people, and coordinating projects. Part of this job is to advertise to convince people to participate, and I consider myself very experienced in this field.

Before you vote I would like you to know that I am an extremely dedicated person and I would definitely not fail you if I was elected for Public Relations! So, I respectfully and sincerely ask that you vote for me, Meredith Corsi, for Public Relations! Thank you!



**Zachary Manheim**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

To the unaware, HOBY is just another event that their "smart" friends go to. To the ambassadors that first arrive on campus, HOBY is a ridiculous group of people screaming and shouting. To the alumni, HOBY is a great experience to reflect and act upon. But to me, HOBY has changed the way I live. Instead of sitting back and watching life pass me by, I now feel the urge to take initiative in my community like the projects us ambassadors encountered during the seminar. It brought out a side of my character that I didn't know existed, and for that I will be forever grateful. HOBY made me realize that life shouldn't always be so serious. Sometimes we need to get D.O.W.N. and act a little ridiculous to really enjoy what has been presented to you. HOBY is not just a three day seminar, but rather a springboard for a lifetime of service and positive outlook on life. So on that note, HOBY basically to me means setting out to make positive changes in my lifetime for the benefit of others- and enjoying so while doing it.

I believe my fellow alum should vote for me for the position of **PUBLIC RELATIONS** for a few reasons. First, I feel that I greatly embody the spirit of HOBY- both during the seminar and the weeks following. In my opinion, a major part of HOBY was cheering, being loud, and being silly. I believe that between group cheering and the Free Market Challenge, I embraced these traits and outwardly expressed my desire to be the loudest and to make people aware of the product group Purple R was advertising. Public Relations is all about getting the word out concerning your organization. My group will make clear that I collaborated on many of the concepts concerning the advertising portion of the Free Market Challenge. Something must have worked, because as a group, Purple R made a profit that was not that far behind the first place finishers in the Challenge. Between dressing up as Billy Mays during our commercial to shouting cheers for people along with our "Purple Power Rangerz Bandz" bracelet, I feel I would be a perfect fit to be in charge of Public Relations for HOBY NYE.

I believe that I possess the qualities and qualifications necessary to fulfill my duties in this position. First, I have always held an artistic side that is critical to the success of a Public Relations position. Art has always come naturally to me, and it is something I enjoy doing. I attended private art classes for two years from 2005-2006 under a skilled professional, Patricia Prohak. If something doesn't catch your audience's eye, your mission has failed before it even began- and this is where the art aspect comes in. Another aspect of Public Relations is being clear and concise about the task at hand. Articulation and communication are two traits that also come easily to me. Recommendations were given to me by three separate teachers to enroll in my high school's Public Speaking course. Unfortunately due to scheduling conflicts, I was not able to take that class. I also attended a Leadership Academy last summer offered by my high school. I was praised both by my instructor and by the director of the program on how well I handled communication tasks and challenges. Lastly, my mother, Marcy Manheim, is the Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown, NY. I feel this provides me with a valuable asset in my quest to voice what HOBY has to offer to the public. My mother has worked on countless ad



campaigns and marketing slogans, especially in the midst of a merge between two campuses into the first, most state-of-the-art hospital in New York State in nearly 20 years. I feel that these are quality assets to have for someone seeking a position of Public Relations.

In conclusion, I would just like it to be known that HOBY has changed my life for the better. I now feel more actively involved in my community and realize the benefit of volunteerism. Up to this day I have already logged 17 hours of community service and I could not feel any better. I would like to thank you in taking time to consider me for this position, but most importantly, thank you for everything I have gained out of my HOBY experience.

Sincerely,  
Zachary Manheim



**Elide Pichardo**  
**HOBY NYE 2011 RED C**

**What HOBY means to me ?**

HOBY means so many good things to me I'll start by friends I made so many new friends in HOBY so fast, HOBY also means to me leadership being a leader isn't only about yourself but also about others and listening to what others have to say, HOBY means OUTSTANDING.

**Why should people vote for me for Public Relations for 2011-2012?**

People should vote for me because I want to stay in touch with the HOBY family and this is the best way for me.

**What experience/qualifications do you possess that make you a strong candidate for the position?**

Public Relations is my future career goal and I also want to get a feel on it, I am very creative and imaginative I think I would be great for the task. I also want to stay with the HOBY family :)

# Area 1 President

4 Nominees

**Zachary Ericson**

**HOBY NYE 2011**

My name is Zachary Ericson and I just completed HOBY NYE '11 a few short weeks ago! I am running for the position of AREA 1 President for the 2011-2012 term. In short HOBY means to me: great people all working together, in order to succeed (personally and with helping others) and achieve all of their goals! One of the challenges of the area presidents, is to get people involved in their communities doing community service that helps others and making it easier for your area members to reach their L4S goals! I am currently involved with numerous volunteer agencies that are ALWAYS looking for people to lend a hand at some of their functions! As Area 1 President I would be more than open to hearing all parties ideas on any subject and I am quick to respond! I am currently the president of my school of 1300 students. This gives me ample experience with working with large groups and working with everyones strengths and weaknesses. I would make sure that this was not one of those "boring volunteer groups" that you know we have all belonged to at one point or another, and that we have OUTSTANDING social events that everyone would enjoy as well!



**Meghan Graham**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

I hereby nominate myself, Meghan Graham, 2011 alumni of HOBY, for the position of Area 1 President.

HOBY is not something that can be described in words. To understand HOBY, you must experience it, and thankfully, I have had that opportunity. Attending the 2011 HOBY Conference was the most life-changing thing I have ever experienced. It has sparked something in me that I cannot describe or explain. HOBY has given me the drive to accomplish anything, no matter how big. I have received so much from HOBY. It has shown me how, with enthusiasm, you can be happy doing anything and also succeed in making the others around you happy and excited. It has shown me how compassion for others can produce the greatest feeling in the world, even if it means doing the little things. It has shown me that to completely succeed in life, you have to put your entire self into what you want to accomplish, even if that goal requires the most menial work imaginable. Because of what I have gained from HOBY, I now sincerely want to give something back to them. HOBY has changed my life for the better and I want to use that change to inspire other high school students like myself. I want to show them how excited you can be to do a community service project, or how good it feels to help out someone less fortunate than you. I want to show them how a family can be created in three days, with people who are leaders just like you, trying to make a difference in the world. I want everyone else to experience HOBY the way I did, coming home from the conference unable to stop talking about HOBY, thinking about HOBY or wanting to go back to HOBY. HOBY has now become a part of my life, and I wouldn't change that for anything in the world.

People should vote for me as the role of Area 1 President for 2011-2012 because the enthusiasm and drive I have to help others will motivate others to do the same. I will work hard to get others in Area 1 to want to get together and want to help others. People underestimate the power of people in groups, and together, we can work to meet goals in an excited and determined way. I am a strong candidate for the position of Area 1 President because I have been in leadership situations throughout my life. I have been captain of my basketball and softball team and I am the vice president of my junior class of 300 students. My volunteering experience will also be beneficial if I am elected to the position because I have participated in many various volunteer activities and am open to new ideas from others. If I am elected, myself and other alumni from Area 1 will work together to get as much volunteer work done as possible, have a CLeW in our area and have as many HOBY Hangouts as we can! I will listen to their ideas and try to make sure that they happen.

Before you vote, take into consideration the amount of heart I will put into being president of Area 1. HOBY taught me that to accomplish goals, one must put their entire self into whatever they are doing. I have learned that enthusiasm is key and makes other people excited. If I am elected for the Area 1 presidency, I will do my absolute best to make the alumni of Area 1 excited and motivated to work together and become the best alumni possible.



**Conrad Moss**  
**HOBY NYE 2011**

Hi there! I am Conrad Moss from HOBY year 2011 and I am running for the position of Area 1 Club President. For me, HOBY is more than a simple three-day cheering fest or an overnight leadership conference. HOBY is the embodiment of what most people think is a fantasy. To most people, getting 205 teenagers together, getting them to cheer, work and wake up at 6:30 would only be a delusion, a dream that exists in the mind of the hopeful. But one man, Hugh O'Brian, was able to make this dream tangible and keep it alive. Thus, HOBY gave me the strength, courage and motivation to try to change the world, no matter how little or how much. If you support and vote for me as Area 1 Club President, I can try to make even more of a difference in our little corner of New York. With me, we can organize events to rebuild and develop places in Area 1 where our HOBY enthusiasm and assistance is needed. I am not only willing to take on the responsibilities of organizing, managing and updating Area 1 but I promise to keep an open mind and take everyone's thoughts, ideas and views into account. I vow to lead when necessary and follow when needed and to spread the HOBY spirit all around our home. I will admit that I do not have a dazzling assortment of leadership statuses in high ranking areas. But, where I do take a stance, I put all of my effort into it. I tutor algebra for a small, on-the-side job and I take great care in paying attention to the needs of the individual and shaping my teaching style around them. My experience as section leader in several musical organizations gives me experience with leading groups and how to work under varying circumstances and with different goals. I believe my patience, organization and open mind would make me an exceptional choice for Area 1 Club President. Thus, I thank you for your consideration in the election and wish you an OUTSTANDING day.



**Alexa Rivera**

**HOBY NYE 2010 Red P (swag!)**

**Area 1 President 2010-2011, NYE J-Staff 2011**

**What does HOBY mean to you?**

When I first read this question, I thought the simple answer would be "HOBY is my life." But the more I thought about it, the more I realized this is not true, nor should it be true. Life is not about a 3-day seminar. Life is about friends, love, family, acceptance, helping others, and having fun. And although HOBY is not plain and simply *my life*, HOBY has done something even better; it shaped my life. My past, present and future all have been shaped by HOBY in some way. To me, HOBY is not a 3 day seminar, but a spirit and energy in which I strive to live with.

**Why should people vote for you for the role of Area 1 president for 2011-2012?**

I'd be honored if people voted for me for Area 1 president because I *want* to listen, I *want* to do and I *want* to help. I know I am fully capable of taking on this responsibility and would do my best to do fun projects all year long. My favorite part of being area 1 president this year was when individuals would message or call me just to ask "How can I help? How can I get involved?" I would love to be area 1 president again in order to cater to these individual ambitions and help get everyone who wants to stay involved- a way to get involved! I would also love to assist people who have projects of their own in mind because these dreams are possible!

**What experience/qualifications do you possess that make you a strong candidate for the position?**

The strongest experience I have that makes me qualified is being this position last year (2010-2011). At first I struggled understanding how the system worked but now that I have a year of experience under my belt, I feel confident and comfortable in the position. I understand the best ways to communicate with people from the area and the executive board and have had a year of planning, listening and volunteering. It has been a joy to do for the past year and would be honored to take it on again. Other experience that qualifies me is being a part of HOBY for the past 2 years, being president of 2 clubs at my school, and being completely head over heels in love with HOBY- passion is the only way to get things accomplished!

**Is there anything else that we should know about you before we vote?**

Before you vote, I want you to know a little about me! We all know that the wonderful people involved in HOBY are compassionate, determined and leaders but the thing that makes HOBY truly unique are the diversity of the people. I'd love to learn more about all of you and I am excited to share a little bit about my self! I live in Poukeepsie with my mom, dad, grandma and older sister who is my best friend. I love to ski and snowboard, play roller derby, write poetry and swing dance. My favorite charity is the Make-A-Wish foundation and my favorite food is sprinkles and mac-and-cheese! I can't wait to meet all of you! HOBY hugs!



# Area 3 President

3 Nominees

## Abby Hutton and Kayli McTague (Running for Co-Presidency)

### HOBY NYE 2011

HOBY embodied so many of the things that we have believed in for so long. It has assured us that all the steps we have taken to be leaders have been the right ones. We believe in our ability to reach out to our community can truly have an impact on the world. We know now that as long as we are good at being ourselves, there's no other way we need to be.

Kayli and Abby both possess numerous characteristics that would make them outstanding Area 3 Co-Presidents. First off, we are enthusiastic about giving back to our community. We strongly believe that donating any free time can change the world, one step at a time. Also, our goal is to be the future Cara and Ashley. An aspiration of ours is to one day be co-chairs of the HOBY Seminar. We are dedicated to the HOBY community and truly believe that it is not life after HOBY, but life with HOBY. In fact, we have already brainstormed many ideas. One outstanding example is a dance-a-thon to raise money for a local charity! Finally, we are friendly and open to new thoughts. If you have an idea, we are excited to listen to it! We understand that no idea is bad. Anything can be worked at and made very successful. These qualities make us the right choice for Area 3 Co-Presidents.

Each of us exemplifies qualities that make volunteering an experience that not only serves our communities, but also improves our own skills and abilities to see something in the world and change it. Abby currently teaches religious education to third graders. She attended the CLew last year, which gave her an extra year to build on leadership qualities given to her from HOBY. Also, she is a peer mentor for incoming freshmen. She helps them get acquainted with the high school. She has helped at the Regional Food Bank. Furthermore, she plans on volunteering at Whiskers Animal Benevolent League this summer. In school, she is president of her class, so she has many years of experience taking on a leadership role. Next year, Abby will have founded Glamour Gals at her high school. She is currently working on recruiting fellow volunteers. This year Kayli has volunteered over 60 hours with Albany Police Athletic League's Youth Leadership Council. As YLC's treasurer, she already has plenty of experience being an executive board member. As a member of Key Club, Girl Scouts of America, Speech and Debate and a founding member of the Model United Nations (to name a few) at her high school, she has experience working successfully with a team. She loves her city and hopes to continue to give back to her local and global community through experiences like HOBY. Our previous experience in co-presidency was during the free



market challenge at this past HOBY NYE. We were not only active members of our production force, but leaders that overcame obstacles posed to our group throughout the challenge. We successfully designed, marketed and sold a product that can serve as a reminder of any ambassador's experience at HOBY and their ability to be the best they can.

In summation, we are both approachable hard workers who love to help out the community in every way possible. We have plenty of new ideas to make the area the best it can be, and we are excited to bring something new to HOBY.



Lindsay Lee

HOBY NYE 2010 Orange O (Go Ohana!)

Area 3 President 2010-2011, Shaker CLew Planning Committee 2011, NYE JPA 2011

• **What does HOBY mean to you?**

This is a question I cannot exactly answer adequately in words but HOBY is the reason I got into volunteering. I've always been a member of student government and had an active desire to work with people and make a difference in my community but HOBY is what really sparked my love for volunteering. HOBY means everything to me: the people are some of the best friends I've had the pleasure to have, the sense of community is amazing and tightly knit, and our enthusiasm is nothing short of contagious. HOBY sparks a feeling in me that absolutely nothing else comes close to, it's a particular kind of excitement and a certain kind of love that only the outstanding alumni can understand. And few things make me prouder than knowing that I have the privilege of knowing how that feels.

• **Why should people vote for you for the role of Area 3 President for 2011-2012?**

I was actually the Area 3 president for this past year and found it to be a very demanding but equally rewarding job. Since Area 3 is so central in the HOBY NYE jurisdiction and most of the e-board comes from there I was required to have excellent abilities to communicate with others as well as being able to keep track of Regional Food Bank appointments and countless other events. I would like to think I did a good job since I had some pretty big shoes to fill from the 2009-2010 Area 3 President but there is nothing I would like more than to try to one-up myself and keep improving to be an even more OUTSTANDING area 3 president!

• **What experience/qualifications do you possess that make you a strong candidate for the position?**

- I attended HOBY in 2010 and was selected as one of five girls at the entire seminar to be interviewed for the WLC conference that summer
- I presented an idea for an Area 3 service project at my seminar that got turned into the Cans for Community project that spanned across the entirety of eastern New York. A project I helped see through to the end and loved working with
- I am the winner of the George Eastman Young Leadership Award 2011 for "rigorous academics, excellence in extracurriculars and outstanding leadership"
- I am the president of my schools Key Club and have a strong sense of volunteerism
- I started my own charity this past year (Yes, I'M THE BRACELET GIRL!)
- I was the Area 3 President this past year
- I was the first ever Junior Program Assistant that HOBY's ever had this past seminar!!

• **Is there anything else that we should know about you before we vote?**

If you re-elect me I promise to serve you well and do an even better job than I did in the past year. I understand that many of you don't know or remember me since I was only able to be at the seminar for a limited amount of time but I'd like to think that if you ask any of the J-Staff they would attest to my strong work ethic! Thank you so much for reading this and I hope I have gained your support.



**Matt Richmond**  
**HOBY NYE 2010**

"I have a different vision of leadership. A leadership is someone who brings people together." as said by George W. Bush. I believe that this quote helps explain how a leader should be, a leader is not a successful one unless they can get those who they lead to work together. I believe that I would be a leader who would be capable of doing so for Area 3 and HOBY NYE.

To me, HOBY was and is an outstanding program which helps get total strangers to come together for the common good of the community and the world. It teaches them how one can be capable to do such actions within their stay at the conference helping to better the lives of the alumni and their communities from where they come from.

I believe that you, the alumni of HOBY, should elect me to the role of Area 3 Club President because I believe I have the necessary skills to help keep Area 3 active, keep it possible for our areas to complete the 1:1:1 challenge that was assigned and allow all the alumni in Area 3 to have fun helping as we did in Cohoes. For experience and qualifications that I have that make me feel that I am a strong candidate for this role is that I am currently the Chief Squire (President) of the Knights of Columbus Squires of Watervliet which is a volunteer group which works together for the better of the surrounding areas, much like HOBY is and that I am interested in helping the world become a better place than it already is.

One thing I would like you all to know before voting is that, if I was voted in as leader I would be one to lead by my actions and be sure to listen to and help the others in my group with actions they wish to perform. Thanks you for reading and I hope that you allow me the honor of becoming the Area Club President of Area 3.



# Area 4 President

1 Nominee

**Alex Hollister**

**HOBY NYE 2011**

- 1) HOBY means so much to me, that it is hard for me to put it into words. Seriously. The seminar itself was amazing, and the people I met there were awesome. I am proud to say I stay in contact with a good majority of them. We spend a lot of time talking about things we should do over the summer and in the future that will help out our communities and people who need help. I never thought that volunteering could be fun, but after HOBY, I realized that it can be. The differences you can make in peoples' lives by just giving up a little bit of your free time is absolutely worth it, just by how good you feel afterwards.
  
- 2) I think that people should vote me for Area 4 Club President because I think I could really bring out the volunteerism from the people in my area. There aren't too many volunteering opportunities in Area 4 that people are aware of, so I think if I were elected president of my area, I could help make people more aware of the things they could do around here. I would also love to start a CLeW in my area because there aren't any that I know of near me. I think the CLeW would be great because it would allow a larger majority of people from my area to become familiar with HOBY and volunteer work. My section from the seminar, the Yellow Section, has already been in the works of scheduling a reunion event this summer. I think things like this are great and as Area 4 President, I think I could also help organize some fun social events and get togethers. Also, I already have some ideas that would, in my opinion, go great as community service projects for Area 4 HOBY Alumni.
  
- 3) Throughout my high school and middle school career, I have held multiple leadership positions that I think would help me be a good Area 4 Club President. As of next fall, I will be Vice President my Class, President of Student Council and Vice President of International Club. I was also elected Captain of my JV soccer team, from my coach and by my own peers. I also am a hardworking student, and currently am Salutatorian of my class. I am also an active member of my church, where I help plan and work events in our community such as my local Italian Festival, Spaghetti and Fried Dough Nights, and singing to the elderly at the retirement homes and at the infirmary during the Holiday Season. I think my experience in leadership and my hardworking and persistent nature would make me make Area 4 a hotspot of "outstanding" HOBY events.



- 4) All in all, I think I would make a great addition to the executive board as Area 4 Club President. I am a well rounded student and I know how to balance my time between school work, sports and volunteering. This shows how good I am with the "F word".. FLEXIBILITY. My leadership skills that I have attained through experience and also through the HOBY seminar would really help me lead and make Area 4 a very volunteer oriented HOBY area.



# Area 5 President

1 Nominee

**Stephen Masterson**

**HOBY NYE 2010**

**Area 5 President 2010-2011, Shaker CLeW Planning Committee 2011, NYE J-Staff 2011**

My name is Stephen Masterson from Clifton Park, and I would like to nominate myself for the position of Area 5 Club President. I am a HOBY NYE 2010 alum (Red R), as well as a 2011 Junior Staff Member (Blue M). I served as Area 5 Club President this past year.

It has been an immense pleasure to be able to work and serve with HOBY. I have met some of my best friends and shared experiences I will never forget. Through HOBY, service has become a major component in my life. There is no greater feeling than that of helping others. I have HOBY to thank for so much in my life, and I would be honored to serve with it another year as Area 5 President.

People should vote for me for Area 5 Club President because I believe I have the ability to both coordinate and motivate the HOBY alumni in Area 5. This past year, Area 5 was able to collect the greatest amount of cans, tops, and tabs out of all the areas in the "Cans for Community" Project. Area 5 was also able to host a Relay for Life at Union College. I also have experience in organizing volunteer projects as a Student Senator at La Salle Institute. Along with weekly canned food drives and nursing home visits, I have helped organize Thanksgiving food drives for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Troy, as well as a Christmas Toy Drive.

As far as other qualifications/qualities I possess, I am very trustworthy and accountable. I am an academically strong student in school. I am Vice President of my Student Senate, President of the Debate Club, Captain of the Masterminds team, and a member of the National Honor Society. I am part of the varsity football, indoor track, and baseball teams for my school. I am an officer in the JROTC program at La Salle which stresses truth, honor, and duty. My family, friends, teachers, and coaches place great trust in me, and I hope you will, too. Thank you very much; together we definitely can make a huge difference in our area.



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BY JULY 8, 2011! Good luck to all nominees!**

