

Yousuf Munir: I am on the National Advisory Board of Students Demand Action, an organization of a gun violence prevention; I am the class president of my grade. I want to ensure that we have a youth voting member of the ICGC board so that we are able to be involved in big decisions, like those involving getting a new gym floor. I want to reinvigorate youth group so that we begin planning fun and exciting activities, including basketball tournaments, video game tournaments, and make sure that youth group becomes involved with other community events. Create interfaith events focused on emphasizing that just because we are different, does not mean we cannot all be allies for a better tomorrow. I want to emphasize progress and make sure that we do both things that matter and things that are fun.

Safwan Jaweed: As I leader, I will effectively establish an environment of self-confidence, creativity, and character within a group of persons dedicated to honesty and responsibility. As an active member of both my Islamic and greater Cincinnati community, I will work to create connections across the region focused on providing service opportunities for all age groups. Due to the importance of education and the rewards it can provide, I will work to include both motivational speakers and educational advisors dedicated to ensuring a bright future for all participants of youth group. Because this is an ISLAMIC youth group, spirituality, how we can expand upon it will take utmost importance and precedence in how we conduct our affairs. Last but not least, we are the youth of this community and therefore our events will be tailored to entertainment and recreational enjoyment within the context of a Muslim community.

Tarik Jaber: I was the marketing director for the Youth Conference. I was the logistics coordinator at a hackathon called CincyHacks. I could use this experience to raise money for ICGC events and plan them. I lead a club at Mason High School called TIPS (Teens Inventing Peaceful Solutions). I have been active in ICGC activities since I moved here freshman year. I am creative, enthusiastic. I will strive to take any ideas of the ICGC youth and implement them. Through my leadership experience, I have learned to put others first and make everyone included no matter their gender, race, or age.

Hasan Quadri: I want to empower and engage the Muslim Youth by catering to the direct needs of the youth. I want to stimulate youth engagement with desired planned events like Perfect North trips, basketball tournaments for boys & girls, and various other social events. I want Youth Group to work with other founded organizations at the masjid and improve volunteer/interfaith connections. I want Youth Group to improve the image the outside community has on the Muslim Youth. I want the Muslim Youth to enjoy their time at the masjid and serve as role models for the younger generations to come.

Omar Chaudhry: I wish to give back to my community. This community has done very much for me and I would like to give back. I have the right skillset for this position. I am great at collaborating with others and problem solving. I will increase our funds and put them to good use. One thing I will do if elected is create a merchandise line. I enjoy helping my fellow youth. It is a passion of mine to assist others, especially my fellow Muslim Youth! I have been involved with ICGC my entire life. I continue to participate, and I this has given me experience on the needs of this community.

Humza Asgher: I am involved in the Sunday school and Quran program; I was in steering committee and basketball. I want to be more involved in the youth group/ICGC. I am hardworking and responsible. I think all youth should be more involved in decision-making and get to voice changes they want to see. I will be dedicated to doing my part in improving the youth group & helping wherever possible!

Meher Samad

As treasurer of the ICGC youth, I would really like to start doing fun activities to get our group closer. Some ideas I have are skating, lunches, dinners, arcades or going to places like Perfect North or Top Golf. I really love being a part of the community some things I have done are

volunteering for events like the Youth Conference and being a part of the senior girls' basketball team. I want everyone to feel included and to present their feelings, to have a voice in the community and share their ideas and opinion. I also want the youth to have an opportunity to come closer to their deen by planning events for this purpose (lectures or small activities). I am very organized and responsible, I know I can be a good asset to the board to help come up with ideas or plans for our group.

Tessneem Khalil: I am prepared to take initiative as a representative of the youth leadership & volunteer opportunities. I have been a part of the ICGC community all my life and I know what people are looking for in a leader. Help build bridges between the youth and the ICGC population. I also plan on attentively listen to the thoughts of the youth and aid in implementing their ideas & feedback.

Sahr Alisher: I truly connect with the people around me. I am easily approachable and extremely helpful. I dream to see a society where girl/woman is just not considered weak, I want to motivate every ICGC Muslim girl and tell my sister's that her voice can change the world. I involve myself in Youth activities. The ICGC youth conference was my favorite. I learnt many knowledgeable things at the masjid that I never knew. I want to be involved and seek education with the youth. I want to learn with my brothers and sisters, the true meaning of life in the path of Islam. My plans for the Youth Board is wiser and wider from this mail, from Charity programs to help out the poor, to give a shoulder to the Old age, to treat my younger brothers and sisters well, to make everyone learn about Islam would be my goal.

Uruz Bidiwala: As the Vice President of the French Club at Lakota East High School, I organize meetings responsibly. I am also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, which is a group of elite math students. At the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, I have an opportunity to intern in the finance field. I also write for the ICGC Magazine, which gives me a chance to interview individuals. Commitment is a skill I acquired from being an assistant teacher at the Islamic Weekend School. I help the teacher plan, make tests, quizzes, & review sheets. I volunteer at ICGC often for community service but I also volunteer at least twice a week for other organizations. I am always on time, do what I am told to do, meet targets and deadlines, and work to the best of my ability.

Ream Awad: Will focus on respecting masjid; create ways to improve current state of it. Advertisement must be enhanced to raise youth involvement in the mosque to have a bigger group. I will also focus on being a leader beside all other youth as one powerful group to work together. I am willing to listen to everyone's suggestions and create new programs for different activities More Fundraisers/Volunteering opportunities that the youth organize as our own to support ICGC

Aleeza Ansari: As a junior in high school, this is my last and only year to run for a position and I would love for the opportunity to give back to the community that has given so much to me. As part of the ICGC youth board, I will attempt to incorporate more activities and service opportunities throughout the masjid. I will work with other organizations within ICGC to plan big events. Plan fundraisers to donate & help organizations in need. I have events that will keep people engaged, bringing the youth back to the masjid.

Zeena Bayyari: Meetings could be more engaging and interesting, the youth can talk together and have more time to generate their ideas with one another rather than just hear one person talk (white board with thoughts, bulletin board). Make sure that when things are set in plan that they actually happen and don't just get put to the side or thrown away. Everyone's ideas are important in my eyes! Consistent meetings, events/programs (send constant reminders). Organize all meeting details in such way that they do not get forgotten. Spread word of meeting times so that way all of the youth in Cincinnati know about it and can attend. You never know when someone will walk into the group and change it for the better! Meetings can be where all of us can go out and do volunteering service together or go to fun places as a reward of hard work and improvements seen in the community! These meetings must be fun for the youth so they can stay!