

Howdy Dexter Drama Club! My name is Maria DeMerell, I am a rising senior, and I am running for Thespian Liaison.

This year was my first time as a thespian member and my first time attending thespian festival. I took this opportunity head-on, as I participated in thespys, I attended a wide variety of workshops, and made connections with as many people as I could. Because of this, I believe I have a wide area of knowledge revolving ITS and festival. If I were elected Thespian Liaison, I would be able to share and expand my knowledge of this so that it is accessible to all thespian members, and those looking to be thespians as well.

One of my main goals would be to get more people to join the thespian society. When I first joined the Dexter Drama Club, I had no idea what thespian festival or the society even was. I was completely unaware of the life-changing experiences and valuable knowledge that can come from one weekend. Within my time at festival, I met so many professionals and students who helped expand my knowledge of theatre.

Going to festival you meet many people who lead theater workshops. As thespian liaison, I would meet and have contact with many people whose information I could give to the Vice President to expand master class opportunities in DDC. All workshops led at thespian would be an incredible opportunity for DDC club members to experience, and having them lead masterclasses here would be a great way for them to experience that if they are unable to go to festival.

While attending festival this year, I participated in a duet musical theater thesphy. Because of this, I am one of few current thespian members who has participated in a thesphy. This gives me exclusive knowledge about thespys/IEs which would be helpful to those interested in partaking in a thesphy next year.

Whether it's advocating for thespian society or even just being a safe corner for a person to say hello to during a strike, I want to continue to strengthen the responsibilities of this position to the best of my abilities. Spreading awareness and information about ITS and festival is crucial to attracting new members, and would be my biggest priority if I were elected Thespian Liaison, because I know how incredible of a resource thespian is to theater students.

*Baiii xoxo Maria*