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My Last Queer Youth Advocacy Day

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I?m sure that to a bystander, 70 young people standing on the steps of the capitol screaming ?we?re here, we?re queer, we?re fabulous; don?t mess with us? is quite an interesting site. But to me, it?s just another day of activism.

This year?s Queer Youth Advocacy Day was especially meaningful for me. Not only did I get the chance to train a group of inspiring youth on the ins and outs of advocacy, but we were also given the opportunity to meet with senators and assembly members about AB 1266 and AB 420 [1] , two bills that directly impacted us as students.

The event came with the usual emotions of empowerment, excitement, and pride, but also with a feeling of nostalgia. This weekend marked the end of my work as a youth trainer with GSA Network, and as a high school activist as a whole. With graduation almost 3 weeks away, I say goodbye to being a youth trainer after many years and hundreds of workshops, and say hello to my upcoming adventures as an activist in college. I am incredibly humbled and inspired to have spent the weekend advocating for justice on behalf of all marginalized students alongside my fellow activists, and I couldn?t have asked for a better way to end the year.

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