

Dear Dexter Drama Club,

My name is Maddie Leach, next year I will be entering my fourth year of high school, but my sixth year involved in Dexter Drama. I have done every show I could since, I've mainly been on stage, but I also love spending time in the hair room. This year I got the opportunity to be head of hair twice, this brought a newfound sense of leadership and responsibility into my life. The realization that I love being someone people can turn to in a time of need was sprung upon me because of this. An officer is just that: a person to help keep things rolling even through tough times as well as someone people can turn to with questions and concerns.

I have been to Thespian Festival twice, and both times I had an incredible experience. Getting to learn from all the talented choreographers, vocal coaches, acting teachers, technicians, etc. is truly magical. Combining new people from every corner of Michigan, all with the same passion for theater into one space was something I never knew was possible. This past year I had the opportunity to compete in a Thespi for the first time. I had a blast learning, practicing, and performing my duet. I plan to inform all DDC members about Thespi and supply them with the information needed to aid them in having as much fun as I did. The best part about festivals is that no year is the same as the last. The friends you make and knowledge you gain are different every time. If elected as Thespian Liaison I would strive to fill the Drama club with knowledge on what it means to be a Thespian Member. My main goal is to make sure everyone feels informed and welcomed enough to attend Thespian Festival.

This year, Maria was able to get over 40 students to attend the festival. Next year, if elected, I have set a goal for myself to add to that number, but being Thespian Liaison isn't exclusively about recruitment. It also requires you to be organized, communicative, knowledgeable, and ready to learn. I always find myself talking people's ears off, especially when I'm passionate about something, or eager to help someone learn. I also love keeping things organized and ready to go.

The Thespian Liaison has to be knowledgeable, having their binders and forms regularly updated, alongside keeping the club up to date with new information. I plan to implement a "Get To Know Thespian" Night. Where students and parents can come together to learn about Thespian Festival and everything else being a Thespian entails. Another component to this night that I think could be beneficial would be to put together make-shift Tech Olympics, improv Olympics, acting, singing, and dance Thespi that people could try out or look at. This would give potential members an in-person glance at what Festival and Thespi are all about. I would work alongside my fellow officers and past Thespian attendees to put this together. This night would help information regarding being a Thespian, and going to a festival, to get out far before any forms are due. Helping bring a larger number of members into the Thespian Society.

Thespian Society has always been a fun way to express, learn, collaborate, and communicate. If elected as your Thespian Liaison for the 2024-2025 season, I would strive for a Drama Club filled with members cognizant of the benefits and opportunities that come with being a Thespian. I would apply the work that past Thespian Liaisons have accomplished to continue to have a well-organized Festival for this club. I would be determined to keep this club and Thespian members updated with new information. Thespian Society should be enjoyed by all Drama Club Members. I would make it my mission to communicate with everyone involved in DDC to ensure everyone has the opportunity to become a Thespian Member, just like myself.

Thank you for your consideration. ~Maddie Leach