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Young Dems Host Women, Politics & Opportunity

This month the New York State Young Democrats hosted "Women, Politics & Opportunity: Where Are We Going?" a panel discussion exploring the ever expanding role of women in politics. Each panelist spoke about their unique experience in politics and offered encouraging insights about the prospect of women becoming more involved in the political arena. The panelists ranged from communications professionals to elected official.

The panelists were Teri Coaxum, Deputy State Director, Office of Senator Chuck Schumer, Cynthia Darrison, of Darrison, Barret & Associates, Gigi Georges, Partner, Glover Park Group & National Democratic Party Consultant, NYC Councilwoman Diana Reyna, and Karen Persichilli Keogh, State Director, Office of Senator Hillary Clinton.

The eclectic panel stressed the importance of networking and relationship building in order to advance the careers of women in politics. The panel also felt that working hard to show commitment and skill in accomplishing difficult tasks were paramount to success. The night was capped by a brainstorming session where young dems and panelists discussed revitalizing the New York State Young Democrats' Women's Caucus.

Amy Sterner was elected Chair of the NYSYD's Women's Caucus and Sadique Robinson was elected co-chair.

"The New York State Young Democrats Women's Caucus will help energize young women into becoming more active within the party and becoming more involved in the political process," said NYSYD President Frieda Menos.

She continued, "I am excited to have our Women's Caucus lead the way for young women in our state. With important elections headed our way it's important that we, as women, make our voices heard and presence felt in the political arena and there's no better time to start than right now."

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The New York State Young Democrats ("NYSYD") is the official youth arm of the New York State Democratic Party. NYSYD represent all young democrats under the age of 36 and operates as a statewide organization.