



DAPHNE FRIAS

She/her

Youth activist on disabilities, gun violence prevention, and climate justice; organizer, story-teller & peace-builder; Former New York State Director, March for Our Lives; Founder, Box the Ballot

Daphne Frias is a 23-year-old youth activist. She is unapologetically Latina. Daphne has Cerebral Palsy, and uses a wheelchair to ambulate. She is fiercely proud to be a loud champion for the disabled community. She got her start shortly after the Parkland shooting by busing 100+ students from her college campus to the nearest March For Our Lives (M F O L) event. In July of 2019, she was appointed as the N Y State Director for March For Our Lives, and completed her one year tenure there in June of 2020.

Through her work with M F O L, she became passionate about increasing youth voter turnout amongst 18-29 year-olds. As a result, she created her own non-profit called Box The Ballot (B T B), which aims to harness the power of absentee ballots. By partnering with students on college campuses, B T B was able to collect nearly 470,000 absentee ballots in the 2018 midterms.

Fighting the climate crisis is something she is equally as passionate about. Born and raised in West Harlem, N Y C, she has seen how minority communities are disproportionately affected by climate change. Having been an official spokesperson from the global climate strikes on September 20th, she has no intention of backing down until the health of our earth is secure. Her passion for advocacy, propelled her to run from county committee women of Assembly District 70, Election District 80 in West Harlem. In June of 2019, Daphne won her election and continues to work hard to represent her constituents. In the spring of 2019, she was appointed as one of the North American Regional Focal Points for Sustainable Development Goal 16 at the U.N. Major Group for Children and Youth. In this position, She works to highlight and represent the voice of her fellow youth and the work they are doing to become pivotal peacemakers.

Currently, she continues to stay passionate about creating change, as a freelance organizer. She spends her time speaking at various colleges, summits, and panels. In addition, she consults with non-profits, crafting engaging campaigns highlighting the voices of Gen-Z.

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