

Y USA



HARVIN VALLABHANENI
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30 years of age or under on 4 July 2022? Yes

BIOGRAPHY

Born in India, Harvin left his friends and family to move to the United States in elementary school. Initially filled with hope and a sense of adventure, he quickly fell victim to the many issues that plague young immigrants. Harvin was outcast at school for not knowing American culture and stagnated academically as he learned English. After struggling for months, Harvin's parents signed him up for a soccer league at his local YMCA. Quickly, his sense of being an outsider faded as Harvin and his friends scrambled around the soccer pitch. Harvin's local YMCA was instrumental to his finding a home in the US and its programs gave him the confidence to grow into a youth leader. Today, he volunteers with the Y to give the millions of other struggling kids in the movement the same sense of refuge.

Outside the Y, Harvin works as a Management Consultant at Bain and Company. Day-to-day, he helps the largest companies tackle pressing and existential questions such as, "will this acquisition help us stay relevant in the market?", "how do we empower our employees to be more innovative?". As the World YMCA adopts Vision 2030, these sorts of questions are more important than ever. Harvin will bring strategic, analytical thinking and a tactical understanding of how to implement a strategy to the Executive Committee - vital skills as it executes its new strategic plan.

Harvin has three years of YMCA governance experience: first serving as ex-officio, national board member with YMCA of the USA while getting his MBA at Northwestern Kellogg School of Management, and currently as a member of the YMCA of the USA's National International Diversity & Inclusion Committee. As a Board member, he pushed for more youth representation in the Y-USA board and elevated best practices from across the world movement.

The World YMCA is at a crossroads, and Vision 2030 is an ambitious plan that requires careful execution. With his expertise as a management consultant and his passion for the Y, Harvin can help the World YMCA successfully implement Vision 2030. The World YMCA has the opportunity to create a more inclusive world - one where every refugee, immigrant is welcomed with open arms, and young people are empowered to help shape the policy and solutions of the world - Harvin plans to help the organization realize this goal.

