

Grade 11

Favorite quote: “Alone we do so little; together we do so much” – Hellen Keller

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Favorite conference: AMMUN XXIII

My journey in Model United Nations began with a driving desire and sense of curiosity to understand the world beyond my borders. As I became more familiar and involved, I realized that MUN doesn't just revolve around delivering speeches and discussing resolutions. It was a space where young individuals could expose themselves to real world problems and learn how to tackle these in purpose of promoting peace, and security for all.

Last year, I was privileged to be a chair in the Disarmament Commission, which was a position that I was hesitant to apply for a first. For many, this commission was perceived as a male dominant space that females aren't meant for. However, it was not like that. Instead, it was an eye-opening experience that pushed me out of my comfort zone and challenged my perspectives.

Among the many MUN experiences that I had this one stood out. It boosted my confidence and taught me how to take initiative in high pressure situations. It reminded me that leadership doesn't have certain requirements to meet, it's about showing up passionate and motivated. In addition, I grew a genuine interest in global affairs and international diplomacy, and I was able to transfer my skills learnt in the conference during public speaking sessions and situations where critical thinking is valued.

That particular turning point encouraged me to return, but this time stepping up the level of responsibility as a president of the Disarmament Commission. I am committed to create a space where all delegates feel heard, challenges, and pushed out of their comfort zone and personal bubbles. In the end, Disarmament is not just about weapons, it is about collective responsibility, humanity, and justice.

It is a true honor to serve as your president this year, and I am looking forward to listening to powerful ideas, voices, and all the leadership skills each of you delegates will bring. Together, let's make this a conference that not only debates but empowers.