

Grade: 11

Favorite Quote: “The right to search for truth implies also a duty; one must not conceal any part of what one has recognized to be true.” – Albert Einstein

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Favorite Conference: AMMUN XXIII

I personally love debates, but not any debate, specifically ones where you work to gather evidence to substantiate a claim, and this is fundamentally what the International Criminal Court is. While gathering such evidence may culminate in a holistic understanding of a given topic, it takes a lot of effort. What makes the ICC so special and different from other forums is that you can visibly see this effort you've dedicated towards retrieving evidence come to fruition. Understanding a statement made by an opposing party on someone you're defending / prosecuting, and knowing how to rebuttal their claim, ignites a deep sense of satisfaction within yourself, because you can see how all that time you spend researching and gathering evidence was worth it. This is what makes me love the ICC so much: debates aren't frivolous, lack direction and involve parties who aren't educated on a topic – they're meaningful, purposeful, involve genuine real-world concerns and occur between parties with a thorough comprehension on the topic. It involves profound deliberation to reach a conclusion rooted as closely as possible to objectivity.

Participating in my first AMMUN experience wasn't easy – the experience was novel, I was nervous, withdrawn and consistently anticipating what's to occur. But it was irrefutably transformative: I realized how much I enjoyed deliberating on crucial global matters, how the collective sharing of perspectives drives debaters towards a conclusion most closely adherent towards objectivity. That realization is what keeps me in MUN, and what makes the ICC especially meaningful to me. Here, every argument, every objection, every verdict is a reminder that justice depends on people who are willing to listen carefully and speak responsibly. For me, being in this committee involves practicing diplomacy and the discipline of fairness — the kind that societies depend on when faced with their hardest questions.

And it's not only an honor for me, but a desire to ensure that those who share the same passion that I have are capable of expressing it in its entirety, properly, in an organized manner, and genuinely, along with ensuring their experiences are transformative.