

Grade: 11

Favorite quote: “Being in a minority, even in a minority of one, did not make you mad.” –George Orwell

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Favorite conference: AMMUN XXIII

Due to the nature of the region in which Jordan is, being aware to some degree of regional events was always a part of life. Especially since their impacts can be acutely seen throughout the country, each conflict shifts the demographics as refugees come in, and the history of the region has always been the primary influence on media produced and consumed. Moreover, my family has always been interested in history, and that imparted in me a fascination with how the past affects us until now. That being said, seeing this helped me realize not only how most of the world lived in such an echo chamber that no one could even attempt to understand the other, but how my own perceptions were inevitably flawed, and thus, I wished to try to examine my own beliefs and refine them through alternative viewpoints.

Naturally, when I had the opportunity to participate in my first Model United Nations (MUN) conference in 8th grade, I was very excited. I remember struggling a lot to think of solutions and speeches, but slowly it started going quickly. Specifically, I remember defending why I should be the primary submitter for a resolution pertaining to one of the topics with a lot of vigor against someone older than me, which helped reinforce that I could speak my mind despite being among mostly younger people. MUN helped me refine my arguing skills as well as make me better at finding flaws in other people’s arguments, which I found to be the most enjoyable part.

My first experience was in the Economic and Social Council, and over time, I began to branch out into non-AMMUN MUNs to explore more committees and found I enjoyed the ad-hoc structure of the Advisory Panel and the Security Council the most. Therefore, I was overjoyed to be the Security Council president for AMMUN XXIV, truly, as the only council with executive powers, I think that it has the most significant potential for actionable change. Moreover, the Security Council can spur on lively debate, which I am excited for all of us to experience. Therefore, I hope that we can all have a productive, lively time at AMMUN XXIV!