

Grade:11

Favorite Quote: “Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard.” – Kevin Durant

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Favorite Conference: AMMUN XXII

Growing up I believed that leadership lies in a role or a title, such as president, principal, or CEO. Yet as I grow older, I realize it lies in building an environment where everyone feels heard, respected, and motivated. At family gatherings, my relatives discussed topics I wasn't familiar with, ranging from politics, culture, economics, the law, power, and more. Amidst the heat of these intense conversations, I felt lost, embarrassed by my silence and ignorance. An alarm went off inside of me, to discover the world, the good and the bad, the problems and the solutions, the local and the global.

I first started MUN in 8th grade, in the Economic and Social Council mostly because my parents and older siblings told me it helps improve public speaking and critical thinking, but I wasn't really interested in it. Now, looking back 3 years later, it was one of the best decisions I made. I met amazing people from around the world and collaborated with them to discuss and propose resolutions for some of the most vital issues around the world. I repeatedly stepped out of my comfort zone and learned valuable lessons. It sparked new interests inside of me and helped me discover skills I never knew I possessed. Now, it is my honor to preside over the Special Committee at this year's AMMUN Conference, the Fourth General Assembly.

Outside of MUN, I had the privilege of developing my leadership skills through competing in basketball at the national and international level. Basketball taught me that being a leader isn't just about guiding others, it's about making decisions, staying calm, communicating, and making sure everyone is heard, and happy. These lessons shape how I view MUN, as not only a place to discuss global issues, but a community where I can help others grow, develop, and lead. Now, it is my honor to preside over the Special Committee, the Fourth General Assembly, at this year's AMMUN conference, and I aim to create a space where everyone feels welcome, is challenged and supported, and where delegates leave with new knowledge, new perspectives, and cherished memories.