IBC President Bio

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Favorite quote: “In our age there is no such thing as 'keeping out of politics.' All issues are political issues…” – George Orwell

Favorite conference: AMMUN XXIV

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At the beginning of my Model United Nations career, I viewed politics as something distant and difficult to understand. I saw MUN as a space where students debated and address some of the world’s most pressing issues. The issues discussed seemed so large and complex, at the time, I often felt they were beyond my understanding.

However, as my curiosity grew and I continued my MUN journey, I began to realize that politics is not limited to wars and relations between countries, it extends into the issues that shape our everyday lives, including those that are often overlooked. I began to see how areas that I once viewed as completely separate from politics, such as science and technology, could also become subjects of international discussion. To me, this is exactly what drew me to the International Bioethics Committee. Bioethics is not necessarily what first comes into mind when we think of international relations yet questions surrounding science, ethics, human dignity and technological development have consequences that reach far beyond individual communities.

Through my experiences as a delegate, chair and now having the honor to serve as your President, MUN has taught me to speak with confidence, approach unfamiliar issues with curiosity, communicate with people who have different perspectives and remain open-minded. Most importantly, it has encouraged me to look beyond what I already know and to understand the world through perspectives I may not encounter in my everyday life.

Looking back, I no longer see politics as something distant from our everyday lives. I have come to realize that it also lies in the difficult questions surrounding how we use science and govern new technologies. I never expected science and MUN to interact in the way they do, but my MUN journey has shown me that these connections exist all around us.

I look forward to exploring these questions with you throughout the conference and to seeing the ideas and perspectives you bring to our discissions.