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Thank You! Merci! iGracias! 谢谢你! ありがとう! Благодарю вас!

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Thank you for attending the 2023 American Model United Nations International Conference. AMUN is a work of dedicated love put on and run entirely by a 100 percent volunteer staff. Our staff is a diverse community from across the United States and around the globe. From all of us in the AMUN Secretariat we thank you for attending our conference and we hope that you enjoyed participating as much as we enjoyed running the show. We will see you again next year from 23-26 November 2024 back in the Sheraton Grand Chicago.

2023 Committee Award List

During the closing session, we announced the 2023 award winners, both for individual simulations and for overall best delegation. AMUN prefers to de-emphasize awards, as we believe they can create an atmosphere of competition that can detract from the educational goals of AMUN. To this end, representatives themselves, rather than AMUN Secretariat members, vote on awards. We believe representatives are in the best position to evaluate fellow representatives on all areas of the conference: speaking, caucusing, drafting documents and working toward consensus. A list of the 2023 award winners is available with this <u>direct link</u>. We would like to congratulate all representatives on their work over the course of the 2023 Conference.

Encourage your Students to Apply for AMUN Staff!

If your students loved their experience at AMUN, know that we loved having them! The conference can only happen due to the contributions of our all-volunteer staff. Many staff members support the conference for four to five years and learn valuable skills they use in other parts of their life. We are looking for volunteers to join AMUN Staff so we can continue to put on an exceptional educational experience for students to enjoy.

If you have any students who have completed one year of college and are looking to extend their model UN experience, this is an ideal opportunity for them. Please encourage your students to <u>apply for staff online</u>.

AMUN is a 100% percent volunteer staff. There are no paid positions but small travel stipends may be available. Staff are expected to attend in-person training in Chicago over Labor Day weekend and a few days before the Conference begins. For many of us, a key value of AMUN, beyond skills in conflict resolution, professionalism, customer service and meeting planning, is the network of lifelong friends and family we make as volunteers.

Not too Late to Provide Feedback

AMUN only continues to be one of the world's leading Model UN conferences by listening to our customers' feedback. If you haven't had a chance to <u>complete a Conference Survey</u>, please do so now. We're constantly incorporating ideas we receive from customer feedback as we aim to continually improve our Conference. Please complete your survey no later than Friday, 8 December 2023.

AMUN by the Numbers

Interested in AMUN by the numbers?

- 16,103 Emails to make a Conference
- 869 Representatives
- 350 Documents Created by AMUN Staff
- 276 Paperclips
- 217 Barbies at the Dance
- 202 Responses to the Conference Survey (thanks for the feedback!)
- 99 Countries
- 90 AMUN Secretariat Members
- 89 New Followers on Our Socials (see below for links to follow)
- 88 Draft Resolutions
- 78 Delegation Award Winners
- 63 AMUN Chronicle Articles
- 62 Schools in Attendance
- 62 Countries Signed-Up for representation in AMUN 2024
- 61 Schools in Attendance at AMUN 2023
- 54 Schools awarded for submitting all of their Position Papers
- 53 Home Government Requests for Information
- 50 Schools Signed-Up to attend in 2024
- 48 Resolutions passed in Committee or Council
- 47 Requests for Technical Assistance
- 37 Humidifiers
- 34 Years of AMUN
- 33 Situation Reports from the Simulation Staff
- 31 Members of AMUN's Conference Leadership Team
- 28 Press Releases made thru the International Press Delegation

- 21 Graduate Schools at the Conference Expo
- 19 Press Conferences held by Member States
- 18 Pages in the Longest Report (Go, Commission on Population and Development!)
- 16 Roleplayers
- 14 Justices of the International Court of Justice
- 13 Giant Post-It Notes
- 12 AMUN Board Members
- 11 Simulations
- 10 Parties to the Dispute before the Security Council
- 9 Members of the AMUN Executive Office
- 8 International Court of Justice Opinions
- 8 Draft Security Council Resolutions from the Contemporary Council
- 7 Members of the AMUN Executive Committee
- 5 Security Council Resolutions Passed (& 1 Presidential Statement)
- 4 Reports Passed by the Commission on Population & Development and the Economic Commission for Africa
- 3 Cases before the International Court of Justice
- 3 Historical Security Council Resolutions Passed (And ALL by consensus)
- 3 Zoo Animals saved from Iraq (Thanks, Historical Security Council of 2003!)
- 2 Very Lost Birds
- 1 Bestest Boi Doggo
- An Unforgettable AMUN experience

Opening Plenary & Closing Plenary Remarks

New on the *AMUN Accords* is a transcript of the comments by our <u>President of the AMUN Board of Directors, Dr. Brian Endless</u> and <u>2023 Secretary-General, Jared M. Melville</u>. Dr. Endless' speech focused on experience from the real world and the challenges of diplomacy with real consequences. Mr. Melville's speech concluded a fantastic conference and highlighted the importance of diplomacy and how, just like anything else worth doing, it takes time to build skill at diplomacy.

Continue to check the <u>AMUN Accords</u> throughout the year for relevant and current United Nations, Model UN and AMUN news, tips and updates. <u>Subscribe</u> for updates throughout the year.

Letter of Record

For any school wishing to have AMUN Executive Director, Shannon Dunn, email a <u>letter of record</u> <u>and thanks</u> to members of your school's administration to support your continued participation in AMUN and highlight what was accomplished at the 2023 AMUN Conference and the educational value of AMUN please <u>complete this survey link</u>.

Participation Awards

For any school wishing to receive Participation Awards for their students, <u>this can be done online</u> by any school registered for the 2023 Conference. You will need the email of one of the registered contacts AMUN has on record information to generate and download the the award.

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at <u>mail@amun.org</u> and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN club or class, please contact us at <u>mail@amun.org</u> with updated contact information or fill out our <u>Change of Address/Contact</u> form online.

Have an exceptional day,

Shannon L. Dunn AMUN Executive Director

Jared M. Melville 2023 Secretary-General

Madeline Glass 2024 Secretary-General



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