



NHHS MODEL UN

Dear Colleagues,

Last year, North Hagerstown High School launched a new Model United Nations team. After a successful first year growing and learning, several of our seniors would like to host a training conference for interested schools in the Tri-State area. As a team, we know the difficulty of starting a team from scratch and they would like to share their valuable experience with teachers and students from other schools.

We have a unique training schedule designed to help students both learn about what MUN is, practice collaborative research skills and participate in a mini-mock conference to help them get a taste for it. Throughout the day, we plan to work with advisors and other stakeholders to help you know some of the behind-the-scenes logistics that enable MUN teams to be successful. You will also have the opportunity to witness your students at work as they try out their new-found skills.

I'm asking you to seriously consider identifying and accompanying a group of students to our training conference so that you can learn more about whether MUN is a feasible fit for your school. Administrators, parents and other key stakeholders who want to learn more are also invited.

As a fellow teacher, I understand that I am asking a lot. Being an advisor to an MUN team is not easy and there is a significant time commitment. However, seeing everything my team members are learning about the world each conference reaffirms that it is completely worth it. As I see them grow in research, writing, critical thinking, collaboration and public speaking skills, I know that their MUN experience is preparing them for college and leadership beyond academic settings.

Please take some time to reflect on whether you or a team of colleagues at your school might be interested in starting a Model UN team. Thank you for considering this opportunity and for reaching out to me and our team for more details about how your school could start an MUN team at your school.

Sincerely,

Angela Akamine, NHHS MUN Advisor