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What is your past MUN experience?

I have been a member of Masters MUN for four years now and I have attended four conferences so far. My first conference was the Yale MUN in 2013 where I participated in EcoFin. My second conference was last years PMUNC where I was in Otto von Bismarck's cabinet. My fourth conference was the 2014 Yale MUN where I was in the World Economic Forum, and my last conference was the 2014 Cornell MUN where I was in the International Olympic Committee. I have always greatly enjoyed attending MUN conferences, and I never leave one without learning new things.

Why are you interested in joining this committee? Do you have any prior knowledge about this topic?

I am extremely interested in this committee for two main reasons. Firstly, I have never taken part in a non-historical crisis committee, and I love to experience new things at MUN conferences. Second of all, Liberia is a country that has always interested me. During the summer after my sophomore year in high school I went to Exeter to take some summer courses. One of the courses I decided to take at Exeter was called Global Justice. The main topic of this course was Liberia. I learned about the civil wars in Liberia and the rise and fall of Charles Taylor and it's something that greatly interested me. What amazed me most about Liberia under Charles Taylor was the way in which the women protested his regime. I learned about an organization called Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace, and what most intrigued me was how they

forced Charles Taylor to take part in the peace negotiations in Ghana. I learned that they barricaded Charles Taylor in the negotiation room with their bodies and to prevent anyway from leaving they threatened to strip off their clothing because in their culture it was forbidden to see mothers like them without clothing. The methods the women used, and their profound concern for the future generations of Liberia is the source of my great admiration for the people of Liberia.

I am also an admirer of the nobel peace prize winner, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Her efforts to bring the countries back from the ashes of the second Liberian civil war are nothing short of astounding. I especially admire her progressive stance on Gay rights, and her commitment to vetoing any bill on Gay rights that comes to her. Great Leaders like Ellen Johnson Sirleaf are few and far in between, especially in a nation like Liberia that has seen so much war and suffering.

What do you hope to get out of this committee?

Even though I have studied Liberia, I have never really had the chance to learn from anybody but a teacher. At Exeter, mostly it was just lectures about Liberian affairs and no discussion. Discussion is what I love most about MUN, I can finally get the opportunity to learn from others who are equally as passionate as I am about this topic. I also look forward to working collaboratively with other delegates to come up with novel, innovative solutions for Liberian problems.

What is your favorite word?

My favorite word is picayune.