Rebecca Rosenthal-Second Choice (First Choice is Mao's Yan'An Red Base)

Bergen County Academies

Cabinet of the Republic of Liberia Application Questions

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

I have been participating in Model UN for soon to be three years. I started with WHO at my school’s conference in freshman year. I have participated in two JCCs this past year- a Missouri Compromise reworking at Yale’s conference and a simulation of the fall of Rome wherein I played an advisor to the emperor at a local conference. In the latter I won best delegate. I will be chairing a JCC this winter at my school’s conference.

1. Why are you interested in joining this committee?

This seems like a unique committee unlikely to be recreated and certainly not a topic you see every conference. Previously, I have only participated in one general assembly and the rest of my Model UN experience stems from historical committees. To be frank, I find that general assemblies and I do not mesh well. I thought it would be a great experience to branch out into a modern and relevant issue without the impersonal nature of general assemblies.

1. Do you have any prior knowledge about the topic?

The majority of my knowledge about Liberia stems either from its founding and early relations with the United States when it came up briefly in history class and unfortunately recent coverage regarding the ebola outbreak. However, for me research is the best part of Model UN and I look forward to it.

1. What do you hope to get out of this committee?

I look forward to working with other motivated individuals to resolve conflicts. I have been consistently and pleasantly surprised with how well a bunch of high school students in a room come to solve world problems and I am sure this committee will do just that. In addition, I hope to learn more about Liberian history and its current situation.

1. What is your favorite word?

Dulcet. It sounds just like the sounds it’s supposed to describe.