

UCBMUN XVIII



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WELCOME LETTER

Delegates, Advisors, and Administrators,

My name is Adam Spaulding and I will be the Secretary-General of UCBMUN XVIII, and I would like to be the first to officially extend an invitation to you to attend the 18th annual college Model UN conference hosted by UC Berkeley Model United Nations. UCBMUN XVIII will be held from March 6th through March 9th in San Francisco, the birthplace of the United Nations. This year's conference aims to consolidate considerable experience of our staff into an unforgettable conference.

I have been an avid Model UN debater myself since I first joined the circuit, and debated EU policy in the Netherlands. UCBMUN and Model UN conferences have given me a lifetime of memories, vast experiences, and countless friends. Model UN has shaped who I am as a student and a world citizen; needless to say, I would not be the same without all the valuable experiences.

UCBMUN XVIII brings all of my favorite parts of Model UN together to provide a unique experience for every delegate. The Conference will be an experience that should not be missed, as it will offer dynamic committees that span epochs and debate styles, and a comprehensive program that brings all the attractions of San Francisco within reach.

Many of our committees at UCBMUN have always been crisis-based, and this year is no different. In order to provide every delegate with a new experience we have revamped old styles of debate with either brand new topics or new workings of more recognizable bodies. There are four unique committees that could all equally stand alone but are brought together in this year's 4-way Joint Crisis. Ad-hoc and Business Committees – having some of the best-trained staffs on the circuit – will allow delegates to test their skills among some of the sharpest competition. For delegates who seek a more traditional style of debate, our General Assemblies and Specialized bodies cover topics commonly seen but framed in new ways. These are only few of the vast and diverse debating opportunities that UCBMUN will be providing to its delegates this year.

The Secretariat this year recognizes that a major issue many beginner delegates face is preparation for a conference. Certainly, it is easy enough to research a topic; but understanding a topic and participating in a debate can be very different. This year we hope to eliminate this problem by providing all the training necessary to prepare every delegate, in the form of online presentations and videos (please refer to [Delegate Development Program](#) below). Additionally, we will offer office hours that will allow you to contact members of the secretariat about content, debate, and Model UN in general. Finally, well aware that new members need time to acclimate to debate and that the only real way to familiarize oneself is through actual debate, the Secretariat will allow for your free participation in BayMUN, our prep conference, in Fall 2013 after you register.

The evenings at UCBMUN XVII will be just as jam-packed as the days with the comprehensive programming we'll be providing. From scavenger hunts, pub-crawls, mixers, soirees to tours of San Francisco and Berkeley, our programming seeks to provide every delegate with an enjoyable experience. We are excited to share every part of the Bay Area with you, and hope to host you at what we expect to be the most memorable UCBMUN conference till date.

Respectfully,
Adam Spaulding
Secretary-General
UCBMUN XVIII



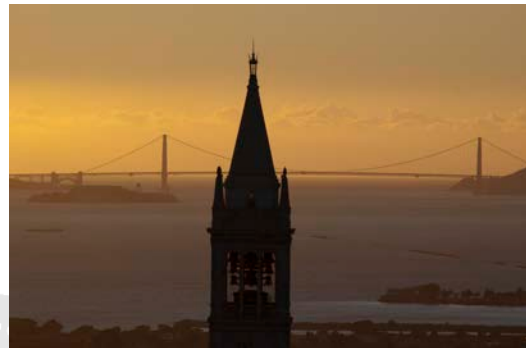
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UC BERKELEY AND SAN FRANCISCO

Established in 1868, UC Berkeley is the oldest University on the Western Coast of the United States of America and the flagship university of the University of California system of schools.

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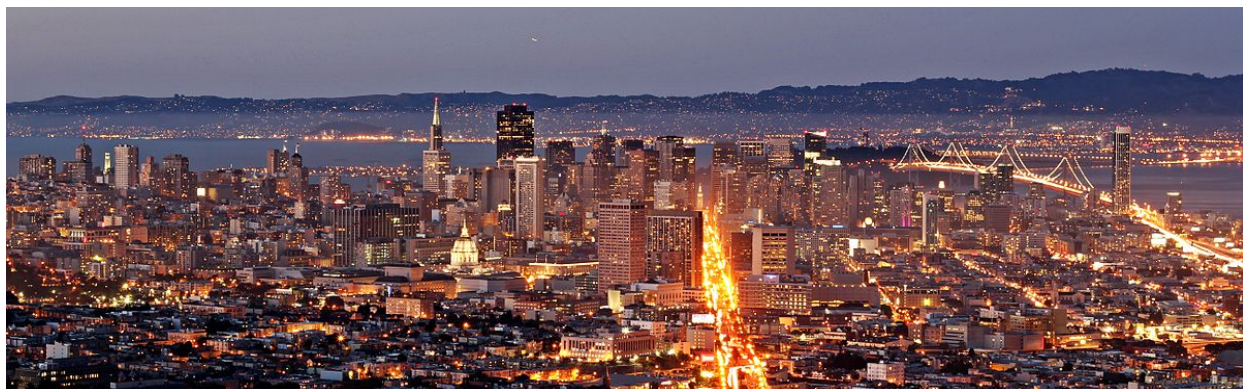
Considered by many as the finest public university in the world, Berkeley offers more than 350 undergraduate and more than 110 graduate programs. The students of Berkeley pride themselves on being taught by faculty that have won Nobel Prizes, researching in laboratories where chemical elements were discovered, and watching alumni rack up dozens of Olympic medals.



Located in the East San Francisco Bay Area, the campus of UC Berkeley has exceptional weather throughout the year, and is 15 miles from San Francisco and 40 miles from Silicon Valley. The campus of UC Berkeley is situated on a hill and offers stunning views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco Bay.

'Beautiful', 'Diverse', 'Eclectic', and 'Vibrant' are the words that people often use to describe San Francisco. Originally founded in 1776, San Francisco started experiencing rapid growth due to the Gold rush of 1849. Currently, it is the fourth largest city in California in terms of population and the sixth most visited tourist destination in the United States.

San Francisco is best recognized by the Golden Gate Bridge - an imposing bridge that was constructed in the 1930s to mark the entryway to the United States of America from the Pacific Ocean. In addition, San Francisco is well known for its steep roads and cable cars, as well as attractions such as Alcatraz, Ghirardelli, and Fisherman's Wharf. San Francisco's Chinatown is the oldest of its kind in North America, and is also a very popular tourist destination in the city.





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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dates:

March 6th – 9th, 2014

Location:

Hilton San Francisco Financial District
750 Kearny Street
San Francisco, California, 94108

Hotel Reservation Information:

To register, either call the Hilton Toll Free at 1-800-424-8292
and identify yourself as part of UC Berkeley Model United Nations

Or

Visit www.ucbmun.org/hotel.php to reserve a hotel room online

Hotel Room Costs:

\$195 per room per night for up to 4 people





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SCHEDULES

Tentative Conference Schedule:

Thursday 3/6:

- 5:00pm-6:30pm - **Registration**
- 5:30pm-6:30pm - **Model UN 101**
- 6:30pm-7:30pm - **Opening Ceremonies**
- 7:45pm-9:45pm - **Committee Session I**
- 11:00pm-12:30am - **Bar Crawl / Scavenger Hunt**

Friday 3/7:

- 8:00am / 9:00am-12:00pm - **Tours**
- 12:00pm-1:00pm - **Lunch**
- 1:00pm-5:00pm - **Committee Session II**
- 5:00pm-6:30pm - **Dinner**
- 6:30pm-9:30pm - **Committee Session III**
- 10:30pm-1:00am - **Jazz Night**

Saturday 3/8:

- 10:00am-1:00pm - **Committee Session IV**
- 1:00pm-3:00pm - **Lunch**
- 3:00pm-7:00pm - **Committee Session V**
- 10:00pm-1:00am - **Delegate Soiree**

Sunday 3/9:

- 10:00am-12:00pm - **Closing Ceremonies**





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Tentative Programming Schedule:

Thursday 3/6:

Bear (Pub) Crawl

See the nightlife of San Francisco with this 21+ crowd as they set out across Nob Hill, China Town, and the Financial District. You'll find yourself walking into the same establishments that bankers and beatniks alike visit to socialize.

Bear (Scavenger) Hunt

Spend your first night traversing back alleys, long boulevards, and the numerous hills of San Francisco as your race to complete a scavenger hunt in teams. Be sure to stop and grab some of the amazing cuisine as you race to beat that cute kid in committee.

Friday 3/7:

Tours

One of the best parts of being in Model UN is the opportunity to travel and see new places. UCBMUN XVIII will make resources available to allow delegations to get out and explore San Francisco and UC Berkeley during the day, taking in the sights of our town and university.

Jazz Night

Spend the evening socializing with your fellow delegates. Rather than finding an under-21 club, or trying to yell over remixes of Daft Punk's "Get Lucky," spend this classy evening socializing downstairs in the Hilton.

Saturday 3/8:

Delegate Soiree

The culmination of directives and resolutions can lead to lots of stress. So take a chance to blow off steam and celebrate your accomplishments as UCBMUN rents out a club for a night of fun in downtown San Francisco. We hope you truly make use of the lack of any morning session on Sunday.





COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Specialized Bodies and General Assemblies:

European Court of Human Rights

The European Court of Human Rights is the legal body based on the European Convention on Human Rights. The Court plays a crucial role in Europe to further liberal democratic values of human rights. The freedom of religion, pertaining to the cases for the committee, is protected under Article 9 – the freedom of thought, conscience and religion. However, the terms of the Article are often contested and the Court has been criticized for its lack of a systematic approach. UCBMUN XVIII will examine two cases focusing on Article 9: Leyla Şahin v Turkey and Lautsi v Italy.

United Nations General Assembly – 11th Emergency Session

UN GA Emergency Special Sessions take place when a crisis occurs that demands immediate solutions to maintain international peace and stability. Emergency sessions can be convened when requested by seven members of the Security Council or by a majority of the members of the UN GA. They occur within 24 hours of the request, with ten sessions assembled thus far. UCBMUN's 11th Emergency Special Session will be centered on a crisis situation in Myanmar. Delegates must work to resolve ethnic conflict in Myanmar, while working with Myanmar's government to ensure that it will continue on its path towards open democracy.

Nuclear Security Summit 2014

The Nuclear Security Summit is a high-level meeting, attended by heads of states and governments, to strengthen measures to prevent nuclear terrorism and ensure the safety of nuclear materials. In the 21st century, the emergence of new actors in the world order brings both new opportunities and new threats. The proliferation of nuclear technologies and materials creates additional opportunities that these technologies and materials may fall into dangerous hands. While the chances of terrorists carrying out a nuclear attack are slim, the consequences would be enormous. Thus, the NSS was conceived to respond to 21st century nuclear threats.

Committee on World Food Security

Famine is the foundation of every culture's apocalypse, and has marred the history books of countless nations. In 2012, the Committee on World Food Security warned that widespread food riots could be seen across the globe in 2013 if abnormal weather conditions persisted. Inequalities in the distribution of these worsening crop yields are rising amidst increasing political tensions and inequalities in countries across the globe. Members of this committee will need to decide between seeking long-term solutions to climate change and food system inequalities and seeking short-term solutions that could have dangerous consequences. With vast disparities between the portion of income spent on food and the global scope of the issue, agendas and proposed solutions will vary greatly between delegates and undoubtedly contribute to an exciting debate.



Crisis Committees:

Security Council

This year, the UNSC crisis committee will combine the power plays of the P5 with the unpredictability of an ad-hoc, focusing on the global interconnections of interests, influence, and intervention. While the crisis staff will provide delegates with a range of headlining topics, the focus of the UNSC will not be solely on one issue, but on a range of interacting world crises. Whether it be the crisis in Syria, resource conflict in the Congo, political destabilization in Uzbekistan, or escalating tensions in North Korea, get ready for a whirlwind of political intrigue, shifting alliances, and the ramifications of our globalized society.

Pinochet's Chile

Pinochet's Chile aims to bring about the complex political climate in South America as the world is fixed upon the two superpowers – the United States and Soviet Union. What is sometimes forgotten is the significant implication of this bipolar world on the regions classified “at the periphery.” Pinochet's Chile looks at the notorious administration that (illegally) succeeded the shunned socialist government (you can thank Richard Nixon here) and begins in the midst of a vigilant and sensitive time-period. Delegates will regulate and dictate Pinochet's policies, determining the trajectory of a Chile with a weak economy and with citizens fearing for their lives.

Chevron Executive Board

This year's Chevron Executive Board committee promises a dynamic and creative weekend. Delegates of this committee will be expected to navigate their way through the many challenges such a large corporation faces, ranging from profit losses, to media scandals, to environmental lobbyists. Each board member and a few large shareholders will be running the day-to-day operations of Chevron, and will be expected to follow the larger policy directions of the company.

Sri Lanka: 2006

Between the periods of 2006 to 2009, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka tackled one of the most violent civil wars ever seen in its history. Sri Lanka: 2006 is a committee that seeks to reformulate the events of the Sri Lankan civil war and its outcomes that transpired as a result of the preexisting tensions between the Tamil Tigers and the militant government of Sri Lanka. In short, the delegates should come prepared to enter the thrilling world of power, politics, manipulation, and intense debate.

Ad-Hoc

Ad-Hoc is an extremely intense and competitive crisis committee. Delegates will receive the committee agenda and the background guide only a few days before the conference, and there will be an application process to get in. In this committee, you will make points and motions, write crisis notes, and point at people, and say things. You may even go to the bathroom during unmod. In short, we cannot tell you much about the committee right now, besides the fact that it is going to be one of the greatest committees you've ever experienced.



Joint-Crisis Committees:

Global Intelligence: Covert Operations

Covert Operations will be a fast-paced, innovative, and unique set of committees, which will explore how governments interact behind the scenes of the United Nations. Gone will be the grandiose statements about world peace; we will be dealing with the nitty-gritty of international relations and spy-craft.

CIA (USA)

While exploring problems such as the Iranian nuclear problem, a rising China, and a belligerent Israeli leadership, the CIA will be uniquely poised to engage on all fronts and will likely be a dominant force. While this can be seen as a blessing, unchecked power will not go unnoticed. Balancing national sovereignty with the desire to address these issues will be an ongoing struggle throughout the committee.

MSS (China)

A slowing economic engine and high profile scandals have done little to limit the true power of China on the global front. China's position as the dominant super power in the east and counter-balance to the United States will be especially important in this four-way dynamic. China's interest in the Middle East and developing countries will be seen extremely well through the lens of the Israeli-Iranian conflicts.

Mossad (Israel)

As Mossad, Israel's Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations, you will be responsible for collecting foreign intelligence, conducting overseas covert operations and countering threats from external terrorists. Simultaneously, you will have to manage your interactions with, and keep track of the other three intelligence agencies in the joint crisis. Mossad's objective is also to closely monitor all Arab activity, including gathering intelligence on Arab economic activity, politics, armament levels, relationships with other powers and propaganda. Mossad will also need to keep tabs on other countries of particular interest such as the United States, Russia and even organizations like the United Nations.

VEVAK (Iran)

As a committee, VEVAK's goal is to ensure that Iran's foreign and domestic interests are well represented in the international sphere. Delegates are expected to safeguard Iran against the threats posed by enemies of the state, whilst cooperating with allied states to achieve Iran's domestic and international objectives. Given the tensions resulting from Iran's nuclear program, preventing any setbacks in the nation's nuclear development will be key to Iran's ascent as a global power. Delegates must also keep in mind that the world is wary of Iran's power and thus must be prepared to combat anything from cyber attacks to political infiltration. Your strategies will be crucial in determining Iran's position in the international community. Do not underestimate the importance of this duty.



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DELEGATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

What is it?

Starting this year, the secretariat of UCBMUN intends to give the attendees of UCBMUN XVIII an unparalleled educational experience about the world of MUN. We want to allow everyone interested in debate and international relations to be able to compete at UCBMUN XVIII, regardless of his/her prior MUN experience.

How will it be done?

Our secretariat has spent countless hours in preparing instructional videos about MUN that cover all the topics necessary to succeed at UCBMUN XVIII. We believe that understanding these videos and the strategies mentioned in them would be sufficient for all attendees to learn how to approach MUN conferences. We also understand that some things might be difficult to understand just through the means of presentations; therefore, starting September 15, people who have registered to attend UCBMUN XVIII will be able to speak to members of the Secretariat to clarify doubts via Skype and G Chat.

Will I be able to practice before UCBMUN XVIII?

Absolutely! Participating in live debate is the best way to prepare for a real MUN conference. Towards the end of this fall, we will host a one-day practice MUN conference at the Berkeley campus for people who wish to practice their MUN skills before UCBMUN XVIII.

What is the cost of this program to me?

This program is absolutely free for anyone who registers for UCBMUN XVIII. You will have access to all the videos, an opportunity to clarify all questions, and practice your MUN skills at no additional charge.

I still don't quite understand the program... Who should I contact for further information?

Any questions about the Delegate Development Program (or UCBMUN XVIII, in general) can be answered by our Chief of Staff – External, Akash Sharma. Feel free to send him an email at cos-external@ucbmun.org for any further clarification.



By air:

A wide-angle photograph of the San Francisco International Airport terminal building. The building features a massive, curved glass facade with a complex steel truss structure visible above it. The words "SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL" are printed in large, dark, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the glass. Below the main facade, there are several glass-enclosed entrances and exits. In the foreground, there are some ground-level elements like concrete barriers, a yellow taxi, and other vehicles. The sky is overcast.

By road:

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By rail:



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UCBMUN XVIII SECRETARIAT BIOGRAPHIES



ADAM SPAULDING, SECRETARY-GENERAL

A senior studying history and political science, Adam Spaulding will head this year's conference. He grew up around the world as a military brat; he considers this directly responsible for his love of international politics. He continues to be active in his fraternity, where he serves on the National Advisory Board and Vice-President within his house.

ANIRUDH GARG, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

Anirudh Garg, hailing from the princely city of New Delhi, is a fourth year studying Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He has been a part of Model UN for five years and has a deep passion for the mutually systematic and harsh mechanisms of South Asian politics. His interests, outside of MUN, lie in politically-incorrect humor, Batman, driving, and the philosophical works by Randall Munroe, Kris Wilson, Rob DenBleyker, Matt Melvin, and Dave McElfattrick.

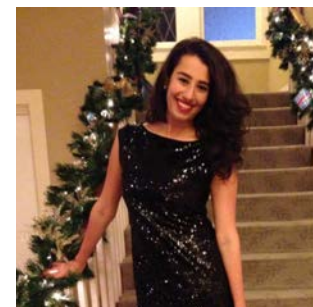


AKASH SHARMA, CHIEF OF STAFF: EXTERNAL

Akash is a Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration double major. In addition to being occupied with schoolwork all the time, he enjoys playing soccer, watching movies, and working for MUN! This year, he will serve as the primary point of contact for any person or organization outside Berkeley so feel free to contact him if you want to know anything about UCBMUN XVIII!

ZAHRA ABOUKHALIL, CHIEF OF STAFF: INTERNAL

Zahra is a fourth-year Public Health student with a minor in Global Poverty. She is particularly interested in health economics and poverty alleviation, and is currently participating in an emergency refugee relief program for the summer in Beirut, Lebanon. Zahra also does consulting for Fortune 500 companies through on-campus organizations. When she is not working, she enjoys spending her down time reading modern literature and planning her next travel adventures.





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BENJI WIGLEY, UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL: CRISIS COMMITTEES

Benji is a third year History and Political Science double major from Tustin, California. His MUN experience spans 8 years and more than 35 conferences in 5 countries. Throughout his time in MUN, Benji has been interested in debating American or Chinese history, international security, and where he is going for lunch. Benji is very excited for UCBMUN XVIII and hopes that everyone enjoys the conference!

CHIRAG SONI, UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL: JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEES

Chirag Soni is a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is attracted to the complicated political and personal dynamics that MUN aims to simulate. While his hometown is New Delhi, he has previously lived in Indonesia and currently calls the Lion City of Singapore home. His interests include all things food – eating and cooking alike, photography – especially at night – and watching TV shows. He hopes that you will have as much fun as him at the conference!



EVIANE LEIDIG, UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL: SPECIALIZED BODIES AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Eviane Leidig is a senior majoring in Peace and Conflict Studies with a concentration in Post-colonialism and Modernity. She has held two Officer Board roles, as well as ACD and Head Chair positions, for UCBMUN. Eviane studied abroad in London for her junior year, and was Director of UN Office of Drugs and Crime at London International MUN 2013. Eviane hopes to return to London to attend graduate school.

LYNN YU, UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL: DELEGATE DEVELOPMENT

Lynn Yu is a senior double majoring in Political Science and English. She is stoked to be serving as your USG of Delegate Development and working to create a conference that is fun, stimulating, and enjoyable for delegates of all levels. Lynn has recently caught the travel bug and loves traveling the country; she can assure you that you're in for a treat in San Francisco.





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REDHA QABAZARD, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS RELATIONS

Redha is majoring in Integrative Biology and Public Health, and hopes to use his MUN experience in the future to work in healthcare policy and management. He is a world traveler; before coming to Cal he has lived in the Middle East and the United Kingdom, but he believes the diversity of backgrounds and opinions that he has witnessed at Cal and across the collegiate MUN circuit is hard to match. He likes to discuss political affairs, soccer, and his avid appreciation of the arts and food. His to-do list is never ending, and so is his desire to meet new people.

HARSH SHAH, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS RELATIONS

Harsh is a sophomore at UC Berkeley and intends to study Economics and Political Science. An international student from Mumbai, Harsh has a deep-seated passion for entrepreneurship and politics. Outside of his coursework, he is involved with undergraduate research at UC Berkeley, with a special focus on South Asian politics. Other than Model UN, he is also involved in management consulting on campus. He spends his free time reading magazines and playing soccer.



NAOMI EGEL, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

Naomi Egel is a fourth-year majoring in Peace and Conflict Studies. Originally from Davis, YOLO COUNTY, California, she took a brief hiatus from MUN to spend last year studying in Paris, France. She chaired the FAO at UCBMUN XVI and is excited to be back again! Outside of MUN, you can often find her either hiking or at the nearest coffee shop. She looks forward to seeing you at UCBMUN XVIII!

HOORI KIM, DIRECTOR OF BRANDING AND MEDIA RELATIONS

Hoori Kim is a senior studying Political Science. Hoori has participated in MUN since high school, and has been part of UCBMUN since her sophomore year. Her academic passions span from international security to human rights. She is from the Republic of Korea but grew up in three countries and has travelled to many more. Her favorite pastimes are photography and cooking.





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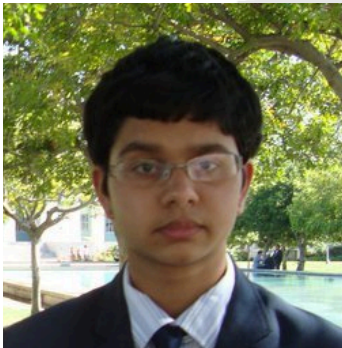


RAJIT KINRA, DIRECTOR OF MERCHANDISE

Rajit Kinra is a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering and (hopefully) Business Administration. Originally from India, he has been participating in Model United Nations conferences since his sophomore year in high school. He is an avid follower of FC Barcelona, Formula 1, and of course, cricket. Rajit looks forward to designing the memorabilia for UCBMUN XVIII to make your UCBMUN experience extremely special.

MAHITH AMANCHERLA, DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

Mahith Amancherla is a fourth year majoring in Computer Science. This is his 5th year doing Model UN. Within MUN, he enjoys talking and debating about war strategies, military actions, and backstabbing. Apart from MUN, he enjoys reading up on international issues, coding, and generally playing with computers. When not trying to be productive, he can be found watching either football (the American kind) or basketball.



JAY MAHABAL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

Jay Mahabal is a currently an undecided sophomore, but he is not undecided about loving Model UN! Jay has been participating in MUN since high school, and he is really excited about UCBMUN XVIII! While not eating, Jay is sleeping. Besides MUN, Jay also loves to procrastinate on Facebook, play super smash brothers brawl, and chill with friends.



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REGISTRATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION COSTS*:

Early Registration
August 16th - November 15th
\$74 per Delegate
\$79 Delegation Fee

Regular Registration
November 16th - January 1st
\$84 per Delegate
\$79 Delegation Fee

Late Registration
January 2nd - February 1st
\$94 per Delegate
\$89 Delegation Fee

* - UCBMUN will not be charging any Faculty Advisor Fee this year

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