

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

MetMUNC XLVIII

Welcome Letter

Chairpeople: Laura Newman, Ananya Krishnamurthee, and Ben

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Dear Distinguished Delegates,

We welcome you to the Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School's 48th Annual MetMUNC Conference! It is our pleasure to have you in our committee, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, more commonly known as UNESCO!

My name is Laura Newman, and I am currently a Senior here at POBJFKHS. I am privileged to be chairing for the third time and to also be a delegate trainer. Outside of Model UN, I enjoy playing the violin, sports, and learning new languages. I'm excited to see how you all will step outside of your comfort zones to come up with unique solutions to address some of the most critical issues of today's society. Please don't be afraid to get involved during debate!

My name is Ananya Krishnamurthee, and I am currently a junior at POBJFKHS. This will be my second time chairing, and I am also PR secretary for the club. In addition to Model UN, I am PR secretary for the Girls Learn International club and am extremely passionate about art and design. I cannot wait to co-chair this amazing committee, and am looking forward to meeting you all!

My name is Ben DeMarinis. I'm currently a junior at POBJFK High School, and this is my second year participating in Model UN. Last year, I was a delegate in the United Nations Human Rights Committee (UNHRC) committee. Additionally, I participate on the varsity badminton and tennis team and have a strong passion for playing tennis. In the future, I hope to work in the business field. I look forward to meeting all of you and hearing your ideas and views.

With its 195 delegation members, UNESCO seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture. The committee focuses on "contributing to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information." At our conference, the topics will be on **Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property, Protection of Underwater Heritage Sites, and Dangers of Propaganda and Hate Speech.**

We expect respectable behavior and cooperation between all delegates. To make this experience as interesting as possible, we encourage each delegate to research information on their country and their involvement in the presented issues, before the conference date. The goal of this conference and our committee sessions are to share your country's views and develop resolutions with other delegates! We can't wait to see you all on December 14th!

Sincerely,

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