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## See Change Students Achieve Outstanding Results In Junior World Schools Debating Competition



Winners' Trophies

We are pleased to announce that the See Change varsity teams who recently participated in the Junior World Schools Debating Competition achieved outstanding results. Participating online for two evenings in May, the varsity teams put in a great amount of effort and dedication in preparing for the competition. They were required to prepare arguments and speeches on both sides across 10 different complicated and controversial topics.

In the novice division, **Valerie Shek**, **Adrian Wong**, and **Ryan Wong** came out victorious as champions. Valerie was also named "Top Speaker" in the novice division, with Adrian achieving the "Best in Content" award.

In the experienced division, **Caitlin Lai** was named "Top Speaker" and **Annette Chan** achieved the "Best In Style" award. **Casey Lee** achieved 8th in the overall speaker rankings.

Congratulations to our students for their hard work and effort. We look forward to the See Change varsity teams making their mark in more debate competitions locally and worldwide!

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## Learning Leadership through Model UN



### What is Model UN?

Model United Nations (“Model UN” or “MUN”) is an educational simulation of the procedures of the United Nations through which students learn about diplomacy and international relations, and develop a deeper understanding about current world issues.

At a Model UN conference, students act as representatives (“delegates”) of a country and try to solve problems with delegates representing other countries worldwide. Model UN enables delegates to improve their research, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership.

Either beforehand or at the start of a Model UN conference, delegates conduct research on a topic or issue given to them, and use this research to formulate political position papers based on the actual positions of the countries they represent. They then create policy proposals (“draft resolutions”) to debate with other delegates in their committee. At the conference’s end, delegates vote on the “draft resolutions” with the goal of passing them with a majority vote. The best-performing delegates and delegations are recognized with awards.

### History of Model UN

Model UN traces its origins to a series of “International Assembly” simulations based on the now-defunct League of Nations. The first simulation was held at **Oxford University** in November 1921; the first in the United States was at **Harvard University** in 1923. While the Oxford International Assembly ceased to exist in the following years, the Harvard International Assembly remained strong and inspired the development of these simulations around the world.

The establishment of the United Nations following World War II in 1945, its protocols and member agencies, became the basis for the modern Model UN.

The three oldest conferences established in the early 1950s and still active today are the Berkeley Model United Nations (BMUN), Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN) and Model United Nations of the Far West (MUNFW).

### Notable Model UN Participants

- *Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations*
- *Chelsea Clinton, former first daughter of the United States*
- *Willem-Alexander, King of the Netherlands*
- *Stephen M. Schwebel, former judge and president of the International Court of Justice*
- *Rainn Wilson, actor best known for playing Dwight Schrute on "The Office"*

### Procedures

In order to maintain decorum, most Model UN conferences use parliamentary procedures derived from Robert's Rules of Order.

#### Rules of Procedure:

- *Points and Motions*
- *Flow of Debate*
- *Resolutions*

However, there is no international governing body for Model UN: it is decentralized and has grown autonomously, and there are significant differences in how it is conducted between regions. Each conference differs in their rules of procedure. Some rules of procedure are common but as they may not apply to every Model UN, delegates are encouraged to familiarize themselves in advance with the rules of the conference in which they are participating.



### Model UN Camp Age: 10-12 / 13-15

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*Learn about global issues, build leadership skills, develop life skills in negotiation and persuasion, and collaborate with students from other schools and countries in our Model UN program!*

### Conference Management

Model UNs are run by a group of administrators known as the “Secretariat” headed by a “Secretary-General”. Other members of the secretariat may include the Director-General, Under-Secretaries-General and President of General Assembly.

### Dress Code

Almost all Model UN Conferences require delegates to wear Western business attire. Dressing professionally shows respect for the country the participant is representing, as well as for the rest of the committee.



### Model UN Conference: **SCMUN 2022**

- **Ages 10 - 18**
- **In-Person, 13 & 14 August**
- **Win a Chance to be Nominated to a Model UN Conference Overseas**

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## Model UN Around-the-World

Like the United Nations, Model UN is found in countries around the world and Model UN conferences accommodate students from upper primary and secondary school all the way to college or university. While there is no official repository, it is estimated there are about 500 Model UN conferences worldwide.



### Model UN in China

The first collegiate Model UN conferences were held in 1995 at the China Foreign Affairs University. In 2005, after attending Harvard's HMUN, Peking University (Beijing) students organized the first national Model UN conference for high school students in China.

Between 2005 and 2010, national Model UN conferences organized by Peking University and Fudan University (Shanghai) drew top-performing high school students from across the country who competed for limited places. Since then, other national, regional, and local conferences have developed beyond Beijing and Shanghai. One major conference is the Annual NEOMUN conference (SCAMUN). Most Model UN conferences in China are organized by private or academic organizations. MITMUNC China was jointly organized online by ASDAN and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2020.



### Model UN in Australia

Model UN Conferences in Australia are typically separated into university and high school levels. At the high school level, the events are mostly organized by UN Youth Australia or Rotary Australia. University events typically run for three to four days with the largest three being NCMUN, VicMUN and SydMUN.



### Model UN in Brazil

The Americas Model United Nations (AMUN) is the longest-running Model UN Conference in South America. Because the conference's official language is English, AMUN has received students from various countries worldwide. Among the cultural activities, there is a tour around Brasília, the city hosting the event, and the Nations Fair, in which the peculiarities and customs of each country are shown by the participants representing them at the Conference.

## Key Academic Benefits of Model UN

- *Improve skills in negotiation, speaking, and communication*
- *Develop leadership skills, and ability to adapt and deal with unexpected situations*
- *Strengthen academic research and writing*



## Summer @ See Change

For some it's this week, for some next week, and for others in a few weeks, but the summer holidays are finally here with their promise of sun and sand after an arduous academic year.

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- Model UN Camp

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## Getting to Know:



Lena  
Model UN Coach

I went to my first Model UN when I was in the 6th grade and was the youngest person ever to attend this conference hosted in Singapore.

Ever since then I went to Model UN's around the world every year, meeting new people, making lifelong friends and of course debating the most relevant issues to global politics. I even started the first ever Model UN in Bali, Indonesia, and organised the whole conference as well as hosted it as Secretary General for two years in a row. This passion led me to study International Relations, Economics and History, and now I work with one of the largest Development Cooperation organisations in the world, attend UN conferences such as the various COPs and even contribute to UN resolutions being made around the world.

Model UN was a great way for me to gain confidence, learn how to speak in front of large audiences and argue my point effectively.

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