

The 2015 Model United Nations Conference

Have you ever attended Model United Nations (MUN)? The majority of people would answer no. In fact, you are probably asking, “What the heck is MUN anyway?” Ask no more, for all of your questions are all about to be answered!

Essentially, MUN is where a hundreds of studious middle and high schoolers as well as college students attend a meeting to discuss world problems and to debate. It is a large debate conference, but the part that makes MUN unique is the fact that every debater, or “delegate,” is assigned a country to represent. Months before the conference, delegates must study their assigned country and learn how their country would stand on various worldwide issues. When delegates attend MUN, they must debate and make decisions not based on their own opinion, but on the opinion of their country. This enables students to learn about different cultures and also makes for a very interesting debate.

The point of MUN is to end with a resolution. A resolution is a formally written document that provides an answer to a problem. The problem is always the topic of debate and could be related to world hunger, the rights of indigenous peoples, or even communism. Each delegate must find other delegates representing countries that would generally ally up with the country of their own, and in turn form large alliances known as “blocs.” Each bloc will write a resolution that contains their proposed answer to the problem. At the very end of the debate, all of the delegates present will vote on whether each resolution should or should not be passed. The resolutions will be decided by majority decision. Only a few resolutions may pass, and there may be from two to possibly even ten final resolutions voted on at the end of the conference.

This year, G.W. Middle school achieved yet another massive victory. Although none of the delegates that Carver sent out had been part of a passing resolution, all of them had exceeding fun. Some even won awards. Natalia Lopez, representing the country of Venezuela, as well as Joaquin Bierman, representing the country of Italy, won the award of Honorable Mention. Christopher Badillo, representing the country of Barbados, won the principal prize, the top award, the “Best Delegation” award. Congratulations to all of the delegates who participated in the 2015 MUN conference, and happy debating!