



Parent Guide

How Model UN leads students to incredible colleges and careers

Model UN Career Success Stories



Ryan Villanueva— Co-Founder, Best Delegate

“The confidence I gained from Model UN helped me get into Yale. The skills I developed through Model UN helped me find my first job at Goldman Sachs. And my passion for Model UN is the reason why I quit Wall Street to partner with one of my best friends and started Best Delegate.”



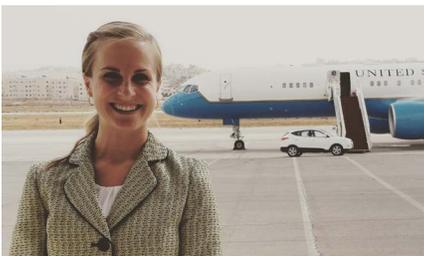
Ilhan Dahir— Rhodes Scholar, Fulbright Fellow

“Model UN allowed me to cultivate my public speaking, interpersonal and diplomatic skills while also putting me in contact with some very ambitious and intellectually curious young people. If I could recommend any one extracurricular to students it would be Model UN, you can’t ask for a community as challenging and supportive as this one.”



Finn Carlson— Intern, UN Department of Public Information

“I started participating in Model UN in my junior year of high school in 2010 and continued throughout my undergrad. Thanks to Model UN, I not only improved my personal and academic skills and found a college major to follow, but also had the opportunity to intern for the real United Nations. During my internship, I worked with the Department of Education Outreach, and Model UN gave me the experience I excel at my job!”



Stephanie Sobek— US Foreign Service Officer

As a Foreign Service Officer, it is essential to be able to speak on foreign policy issues in front of an audience, collaborate with people from different countries and cultures, and negotiate policies that will have a real impact on people’s lives. My participation in Model UN in college prepared me to do just that. I went from debating solutions to the Syrian civil war with college students to collaborating with UNHCR and the Jordanian government on how to provide Syrian refugees with work permits and access to education in Jordan. In addition to learning about a wide range of foreign policy issues, Model UN taught me how to research, refine and present the interests of a different country and how to convince my peers to jump on-board with my proposed policies. I use these skills every day working as a U.S. diplomat and I continue to work with Model UN programs in Jordan.

How Model UN can get students into college



It takes more than good grades and strong test scores to get into competitive colleges like Harvard, Yale, or Princeton. High school students today have to stand out by excelling in their extracurricular activities. Many do this through sports, science, or the arts, but others join activities such as speech and debate, mock trial, and Model United Nations. While not everyone who does MUN makes it their main activity, many invest a considerable amount of their time and energy into it. Model United Nations is a large part of their personal growth as a high school student, and they can leverage their MUN experience to get into college.

While students may join Model UN because it is a fun way to study history or politics, it also develops communication skills and gives students the confidence to express themselves. Students gain leadership experience by winning awards, chairing committees, running conferences, and training their club. Students are able to seek advice from people they met through Model UN that go to the most prestigious universities in the world. Here are just a few tips for your students to use Model UN to help with college applications:

1. Demonstrate leadership by winning awards, chairing committees, running conferences, and training your club.

Admissions officers are looking for examples of leadership. Model United Nations offers many opportunities to demonstrate leadership. As a delegate, students win awards by becoming a leader in committee. As a chair, students jobs are to lead other delegates. As a conference organizer, students manage delegates, chairs, and support staff. And as they rise through the ranks of their MUN club, they pass on their knowledge to others. MUN is all about leadership; the very premise of the activity is pretending to be a world leader for a weekend!

2. Seek advice from people they met through MUN who are attending or have attended competitive colleges.

You can read books and blogs about how to get into competitive colleges, but the best source of advice comes from speaking with people who've already done it. Whether it's alumni from school, older delegates they've met at conferences, or chairs who are already in college, MUN provides a network of people to reach out to for advice. They may know what their university is looking for, and could even put them in touch with the right people to talk to about their interest in the university!

3. Reflect on MUN experience in essays and interviews.

It's not enough to put down awards won or conferences managed on a list of accomplishments. Students have to communicate their success to admissions officers through essays and interviews. Reflection takes time; it's not something your student can do the night before the application due date or the day of their interview. It also requires solitude; they have to think deeply about themselves, who they are, and what they want to do.

Model United Nations can be a vehicle for personal growth. Students should leverage their experience and their network. They can use it to launch into the next stage of their student career. Model United Nations is their opportunity to stand out.



Model UN can also help your student succeed and have a great time in college!

On college campuses across the US, Model UN clubs are some of the biggest and most successful student organizations on campus. Many organizations have hundreds of members and host several conferences throughout the year. The most successful organizations have budgets over a million dollars, and send their members to host conferences around the world.



Members of the Harvard International Relations Council in 2016 will send their members on trips to India, China, Italy, and Brazil. The Georgetown International Relations Council is the largest organization on campus, and they have a student CEO responsible for managing all the programming and enormous budget. Model UN students are sought after for leadership roles on campus, the prestigious fellowships available in international relations, politics, and business, and gain access to the top professors at their university. Even at schools with smaller Model UN organizations, the teams will be able to travel for free across the US and Canada, and go on to win Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships, Fulbright Fellowships, and many other accolades from their school for successful work in Model UN.



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