



MONTANA MODEL UN

15 September 2013

Dear Distinguished Delegates:

Welcome to the 2013 Montana Model United Nations (MMUN) High School Conference! As your secretaries general and committee chairs, we are looking forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas for solving international problems.

The United Nations (UN) depends on the cooperation and goodwill of its 193 member states. Because each state has unique interests and concerns, it is challenging to write, negotiate, and pass resolutions. Every stage of the process demands creativity and diplomacy.

As your secretaries general and committee chairs, we will work to keep the 2013 MMUN committees running smoothly. We will do our best to help you understand parliamentary procedure and to ensure that the views of all delegates are heard and respected.

We expect each delegate to come to the conference with an understanding of his or her country's positions and a willingness to forge agreements. To ensure that you act professionally and diplomatically, please learn and practice MMUN's Rules of Procedure, and read and adhere to MMUN's Delegate Dress and Conduct Code. Those documents and many more can be found on the Welcome and Information, Tools for Delegates, and Topic Guide pages of the Montana Model UN website, <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/>.

The UNA-USA Model UN Preparation Guide has additional tips for researching your country, writing position papers, preparing your speeches, and participating effectively in caucuses, <http://www.unausa.org/global-classrooms-model-un/how-to-participate/model-un-preparation>

Please note that **position papers are due by 11:59 pm on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. In November, we will provide you and your teachers with instructions for emailing your position paper to your committee.

If you have any questions or comments before the conference, please contact Secretary-General External Madison Brooke at [mtmodelun@gmail.com](mailto:mtmodelun@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you at the University of Montana on Monday, November 25 and wish you the very best in your preparations.

Sincerely,

-- Madison Brooke, Secretary General – External  
-- Christina Bloemen, Secretary General - Internal

-- Christian Johnson, Chair, General Assembly Plenary  
-- Jake Brown, Chair, General Assembly 1<sup>st</sup>  
-- Karla Nettleton, Chair, General Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup>  
-- Danielle Howlett, Chair, General Assembly 3<sup>rd</sup>  
-- Andrew Surratt, Chair, Security Council