The Sixty-First Session of The Gannon University Model United Nations will convene November 8 and 9, 2013 on the Gannon campus. Existing to promote an understanding of the complex problems of international affairs and the purposes and functions of the United Nations, the 2013 Gannon Model U.N. will draw together some 500 students representing approximately 30-40 high schools in the tri-state area. For those who have never participated in such a conference, the Model U.N. offers a challenging education in the dealings among nations.

In the spring or early fall, delegations are assigned country designations and encouraged to begin to study the issues which will be under consideration at the forthcoming assembly. As much as possible, the students are to learn the viewpoints of the government they are assigned to represent, and are to attempt to speak and vote according to the interests of that country.

During the fall, member delegations will be assigned countries within the United Nations to begin debate on the issues and to formulate resolutions in their respective committees. Gannon advisors and officers may attend school meetings/conduct web meetings to assist schools in their preparation.

**STRUCTURE**

The General Assembly, the central organ of the Model U.N., considers critical issues on current international affairs. The topics selected for discussion this year are:

1. Preventing a Nuclear Arms Race and Promoting the Peaceful Use of Outer Space.

The Model Security Council, with membership closely corresponding to that of the actual institution, discusses situations and resolutions central to the “maintenance of international peace and security.” While the agenda for the Model Security Council will be open, a provisional agenda will be suggested and discussion begun in regional bloc meetings.

The Historical Security Council is a new addition to the conference this year. The membership closely corresponds to that of the actual institution of the year in question. The year selected for the upcoming conference is 2003. Further information on the specific topic will be released prior to the regional bloc meetings.

The Economic and Social Council, ECOSOC for short, is made up of 54 members elected by the General Assembly for three-year terms; 18 are elected each year. The problems that the council deals with range from external debt of a country to humanitarian aid. The problem selected for discussion this year is Promoting Higher Standards of Living, Full Employment, and Economic and Social Progress.

**DELEGATIONS**

Each school's delegation to the Model United Nations may include 10 regular delegates, a member or observer to the Security Council and an alternate delegate. Upon request of the school, second and third delegations may be assigned. A minimum of 6 delegates in each delegation must participate for additional delegations to be recognized.

**POSITION PAPERS**

Each delegation is strongly encouraged to submit a position paper covering the five issues which will be debated at the General Assembly. During the General Assembly, awards will be given for the outstanding essays as judged by the Gannon Model United Nations Staff.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year delegates participating in the Model U.N. are invited to apply for scholarships to Gannon University. Model United Nations Scholarships are awarded at the General Assembly on the basis of academic ability, financial need and participation in the Model United Nations.

**OUTSTANDING DELEGATION**

Awards will be presented to those delegations that distinguish themselves in representing their assigned countries at the Model U.N. Conference. Members of the outstanding delegation may qualify for additional scholarships to Gannon University.

**FEES, ACCOMMODATION AND PROCEDURES**

A registration fee of $10.00 per school and $25.00 per student in attendance covers Saturday breakfast, lunch and other services. For those schools attending from outside the Erie area, hotel accommodations are available for the overnight stay. A list of availabilities and rates will be sent to the high schools. **Priority registration for the Model United Nations will be Monday, September 9th** to ensure country assignments. You can also register at the conference but preference in country assignments will be given to schools that pre-register. The General Assembly will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8th and adjourn Saturday, November 9th, by 4:00 p.m.
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