Dear Delegates,

As President of Old Dominion University’s Model United Nations Society, and on behalf of our Secretariat and society, it is with the utmost honor and humility that I welcome you to our annual on-campus United Nations Day!

This year, our UN General Assembly Simulation will reflect the principles of free speech and democracy which embody Old Dominion and its denizens. Our topics are Protection of the Integrity of Elections and Addressing the Plight of Stateless Persons, two of the most controversial issues facing the international community today. You, our esteemed delegates — diverse in background, education, and perspective — will all have something to contribute to the dialogue of progress and innovation that this moment in history desperately demands.

Make this your introduction to what the MUN does. At ODUMUN, we pride ourselves on not only creating competitive and well-run UN simulations but also on competing in numerous Model UN conferences throughout the United States.

The Charter of the United Nations of 1945, the foundational treaty of the United Nations, articulated a commitment to uphold human rights of citizens and outlined a broad set of principles relating to achieving ‘higher standards of living’, addressing ‘economic, social, health, and related problems,’ and ‘universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.’ It important that we channel the ideals in the grand institution that we model.

It is my pleasure to invite you on 11 October 2019. Experience our society and a UN day unlike any other.

Welcome to UN Day 2019!

Helen Sharpe, President
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