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# **SCHEDULE**

## **THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

Hotel check-in ..... 3:00 – 10:00pm ..... Front Desk  
Conference Registration ..... 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. ..... Westover  
Training Sessions ..... 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. ..... York/Poplar Hall  
Karaoke Night ..... 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. ..... Merrimac  
Head Delegate Meeting ..... 9:00 – 9:45 p.m. ..... Claremont

## **FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

Conference Registration ..... 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. ..... Westover  
Opening Ceremony ..... 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. ..... Ballrooms  
Session One ..... 10:15 – 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch Break ..... 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
Session Two ..... 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner Break ..... 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Session Three ..... 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.  
Head Delegate Meeting ..... 10:00 – 10:30 p.m. ..... Claremont

## **SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY**

Session Four ..... 9:00 – 12:30 p.m.  
Faculty Forum ..... 9:00 – 12:20 p.m. ..... Riverwalk  
Lunch Break ..... 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.  
Session Five ..... 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner Break ..... 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Dance and Activity Night ..... 7:30 – 10:30 p.m. ..... Monticello

## **SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

Delegate Hotel Check-Out ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Session Six ..... 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Faculty Wrap-Up Meeting ..... 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. ..... Riverwalk  
Lunch Break ..... 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
Closing Ceremony ..... 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
Faculty Hotel Check-Out ..... 3:00 p.m. ..... Ballrooms

# CONFERENCE STAFF

## SECRETARIAT

Secretary-General .....	Elijah Eddy
Director-General .....	Eugenia Asigbe
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Gabriel Kinnison
Under Secretaries-General .....	Ida Boama, Gabrielle Edwards,

Graduate Advisor .....	Malana Laville
	Brian Vernon

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Security Council .....	Matthew Juarez
First Committee: Disarmament .....	J Belin
Third Committee: Social, Humanitarian .....	Miles Robinson
Fourth Committee: Special Political .....	Spencer Kotrosa
Special Session: UN Reform .....	Brian Vernon
Economic and Social Council .....	Oliver Sedwick
IAEA .....	Ichigo Parker
NATO .....	Andrew Hyams
Crisis: Berlin, 1989 .....	Delenn Main
Crisis: Hunger Games .....	Brayden Beall
Crisis: Lord of the Rings .....	Kaitlyn Keith
Crisis Managers .....	Alex Beschler, Tyler Rector, Reagan Williams

## ODUMUN OFFICERS

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Public Relations .....	Reagan Williams
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# WELCOME, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

2026 MESSAGE  
TO MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Dear friends,

Thank you for taking part in this Model United Nations – and for believing in the power of global cooperation.

We are living in turbulent times.

Our planet is burning, conflicts are raging, and inequalities are deepening.

Human rights are under fire.

Mistrust and misinformation are polarizing people and communities.

But none of this is inevitable.

Time and again, humanity has shown that when we unite to tackle our greatest challenges, change is possible.

The United Nations itself is a good example.

Since 1945, it has been the place for countries to unite behind global solutions to global problems.

We need that same spirit of global solidarity today.

And we need your ideas, energy, determination and voice.

I firmly believe that your voices must count in the way decisions are made, strategies are established, policies are defined, and actions are implemented.

And I have no doubt that your Model United Nations experience will help develop those skills even more.

Let's keep working to build peace, heal divisions, and extend a hand to those in need, especially the most vulnerable.

The United Nations is your ally in this important journey.

We will never give up fighting for a future of peace, dignity and prosperity for everyone, everywhere.

And I am counting on you to be a force of positive change to help get us there.

I wish you every success.

António Guterres,  
Secretary-General  
United Nations, New York



# WELCOME, ODUMUNC SECRETARY-GENERAL ELIZJAH EDDY

ODU MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE XLIX  
12 – 15 FEBRUARY 2026



Esteemed Delegates, Faculty and Guests,

It is our greatest honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2026 ODU Model United Nations Conference, ODUMUNC 49, at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel.

The conference this year was inspired by our Secretariat visit to the UN in May 2025. Our guide, from Berlin, noted how many issues around the world don't get the attention they need or deserve, crowded out of a very short news cycle.

Many people and issues in dire need of UN attention often are a secondary focus, pushed aside by matters of greater political importance. These include the deadliest war happening anywhere today, in Sudan, women's education, the spread of conventional weapons, prevention of non-communicable diseases, or reform of the UN itself. Overlooked, but only at grave cost, these kinds of issues inspire the theme for this year's ODUMUNC: *Beneath the Headlines*.

*Beneath the Headlines* focuses attention on people and issues that deserve more attention in front of the world stage. Bringing hundreds of delegates to the Norfolk to work to show the progress that can be made on these problems, or the barriers that remain to be overcome, is our greatest honor.

We wish all delegates and delegations the best of luck preparing. We are excited to welcome you back for our 49th year. We look forward to seeing you at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, 13 February 2026!

Elizjah Eddy, Secretary-General  
ODU Model United Nations Conference XLIX



## OPENING CEREMONY SPEAKER

# DR. ZARYAB IQBAL

ODUMUNC 49 is delighted to welcome Dr. Zaryab Iqbal, Dean of ODU's Perry Honors College. She also is Professor of Political Science, International Studies, and Jewish Studies. Dr Iqbal came to ODU after 18 years at Pennsylvania State University, where she was Associate Dean of its Honors College and taught political science and Jewish studies.

Her primary research and teaching areas of interest are in international conflict and security, and she has written two books, *War and the Health of Nations* and *State Failure in the Modern World*. She also worked at the National Science Foundation in various roles to support program management, research and education.

Iqbal says there is a “thirst for growth” at Old Dominion University that she finds tremendously energizing. In particular, she is inspired by the University’s mission to support first-generation students while driving innovation and scholarship from the undergraduate to faculty levels.

As the Dean of the Perry Honors College, Dr. Iqbal oversees academics and programming for honors students. Her goal is to pave the way for student success through interdisciplinary scholarship, as well as enhance the public value of an ODU and Perry Honors College education. Dr. Iqbal says partnerships and collaborations across all ODU academic units as well as alumni networks are key to enhancing honors students' success.

Passionate about experiential learning, Dr. Iqbal says having strong experiential learning opportunities for all students, regardless of their majors, is a key step towards helping them develop lifelong learning skills and the ability to become problem-solvers. As dean, she works to accomplish this by ensuring the curriculum is enriched with faculty engagement to provide robust experiential learning elements through undergraduate research, internships and global experiences.

"We can only help students succeed if we learn about their world rather than pulling them into ours — and their world consists of a rapidly evolving future of work, artificial intelligence and new frontiers of knowledge," Dr. Iqbal says.



## JEAN-BERNARD GAZARIAN

Every year the ODU Model UN celebrates the life of its oldest friend. Dr. Jean-Bernard Gazarian died on 18 January 2016 at the age of 93. Born in Paris, Dr. Gazarian attended the Universities of Rennes and Paris from 1940 to 1945. Fluent in six languages, he started working for the UN in 1946 as a translator. From 1966 to 1983, he was Director of the Division of General Assembly Affairs, overseeing the Secretariat of the General Assembly. He served the UN under every Secretary-General, from Trygve Lie, Dag Hammarskjold, U Thant, Kurt Waldheim, Javier Perez de Cuellar and Boutros Boutros-Ghali, to Kofi Annan.

Dr. Gazarian participated in ODUMUNC from 1983 until 2008, where he was ODU's connection to the UN. It was a Dr. Gazarian who guided generations of ODU students as they made their events more and more realistic.

In recognition of his contributions to the United Nations and his special relationship with the ODU Model United Nations Society, Old Dominion University awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters in 1986. Our annual award to the school showing the greatest diplomatic skill at ODUMUNC is named in his honor.

In 2022 ODU's MUN Alumni created the Old Dominion Model UN Society Alumni Jean Gazarian-Gill Crippen Memorial Scholarship for Model UN students at ODU. The scholarship also honors the long-time ODUMUN supporter, Gill Crippen. Creation of the scholarship is a major accomplishment by our alumni, and a milestone in the history of the ODU Model UN, touching everybody associated with our program. The scholarship is a deeply felt expression of appreciation for a program that educates, trains and shapes lives. It is a statement of faith in the future of the program. And it perpetuates the legacy of Dr. Jean Gazarian, his work and his vision of the United Nations as the vital element in world affairs. The scholarship winner in 2025 was Tyler Rector.



Just another day at work.  
Jean Gazarian (center), with UN  
Secretary-General U Thant and the  
President of Togo, Etienne Eyadama, in  
Lomé, 1970.  
Photo: United Nations

## **BODIES AND TOPICS**

## UN Security Council (SC)

- The situation in Sudan
- The question of security and rule of law in Haiti
- Counterterrorism and protection of civilians in Yemen
- Protection of civilians in armed conflict

## General Assembly (GA)

## First Committee: Disarmament and International Security

- Controlling the international trade in conventional weapons
- Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control
- Elimination of anti-personnel mines and their destruction

### Third Committee, Social Humanitarian and Cultural

- Foreign exploitation of mineral resources in Democratic Republic of Congo
- The right to education for every girl
- Rights of the child

Fourth Committee: Special Political and Decolonization

- Eradicating colonialism in all its forms and manifestations
- Preventing and Combating Electoral Corruption in Latin America
- The fight against all forms of transnational organized crime

## UN Special Session: UN Reform

- Ensuring effectiveness of the Security Council in international peace and security
- Representation of UN Member States on the Security Council
- Reforms to cut UN costs and improve efficiency

## SPECIALIZED BODIES

## Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

- Enhancing the World Food Program
- Mainstreaming a gender perspective throughout the UN system
- Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals
- Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

- Promoting peaceful use of civilian nuclear power
- Preventing acquisition by terrorists of radioactive sources
- Strengthening IAEA safeguards to prevent clandestine nuclear weaponization

## North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

- Strengthening Article Five mutual security assurances
- Making deterrence by NATO member states credible
- NATO membership expansion: Georgia and Ukraine

## Crisis Simulations

- Berlin Crisis, 1989
- Hunger Games
- Lord of the Rings



# WHO'S WHO AT ODUMUNC 49

## UN SECURITY COUNCIL (SC) (as of 24 January 2026)

### Algeria

Brooke Point High School

### China\*

Maury High School

### Denmark

First Colonial High School

### France\*

Solebury School

### Greece

Norview High School

### Guyana

Manor High School

### Republic of Korea (South)

Colonial Heights High School

### Pakistan

Annapolis High School

### Panama

St. Anne's-Belfield School

### Paraguay

Lafayette High School

### Russian Federation\*

Appomattox Regional Governor's School

### Sierra Leone

Western Albemarle High School

### Slovenia

Churchland High School

### Somalia

Ocean Lakes High School

### United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland\*

Granby High School

### United States of America\*

Grassfield High School

*\*Permanent member, with veto*

DELEGATIONS



# UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) BY COUNTRY

(as of 24 January 2026)

## Algeria

Brooke Point High School

## Argentina

Lafayette High School

## Australia

Western Branch High School

## Azerbaijan

Albemarle High School

## Bahrain

Green Run Collegiate School

## Belgium

Great Bridge High School

## Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

Princess Anne High School

## Brazil

Brooke Point High School

## Burkina Faso

Heritage High School

## Cambodia

Princess Anne High School

## Canada

Norfolk Collegiate School

## Chile

First Flight High School

## China

Maury High School

## Croatia

Great Bridge High School

## Cuba

Tabb High School

## Czechia

Western Branch High School

## Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Western Branch High School

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mano High School

## Denmark

Ocean Lakes High School

## Egypt

Lafayette High School

## El Salvador

Annapolis High School

## Estonia

Hampton High School

## Finland

Grassfield High School

## France

Solebury School

## Germany

Brooke Point High School

## Ghana

Norfolk Collegiate School

## Greece

Norview High School

## Guatemala

Williamston High School

## Haiti

St. Anne's-Belfield School

## India

James River Academy of Diplomacy

## Iran, Islamic Republic of

Leonardtown High School

## Ireland

Churchland High School

## Israel

First Colonial High School

## Italy

Bethel High School

## Japan

Grassfield High School

## Jordan

Granby High School

## Lesotho

Solebury School

## Luxembourg

Kecoughtan High School

## Malawi

Mountain View High School

## Mexico

Catholic High School

## Montenegro

Catholic High School

## Nepal

Menchville High School

## Netherlands

Broadneck High School

## New Zealand

Kecoughtan High School

## Norway

Broadneck High School

## Poland

Ocean Lakes High School

## Republic of Korea

Colonial Heights High School

## Romania

Appomattox Regional Governors School

**Russian Federation**  
Appomattox Regional  
Governors School

**Saudi Arabia**  
First Colonial High School

**Singapore**  
Lafayette High School

**Somalia**  
Warhill High School

**South Africa**  
Virginia Episcopal School

**Spain**  
Ocean Lakes High School

**Switzerland**  
Cedar Ridge High School

**Thailand**  
Tidewater Collegiate School

**Türkiye**  
Mountain View High School

**Ukraine**  
St. Anne's-Belfield School

**United Arab Emirates**  
Mountain View High School

**United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Northern Ireland**  
Granby High School

**United States of America**  
Grassfield High School

**Viet Nam**  
Oscar F. Smith High School

**Yemen**  
Oscar F. Smith High School

**Zambia**  
Green Run High School



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) BY SCHOOL

(as of 24 January 2026)

**Albermarle High School**  
Azerbaijan

**Annapolis High School**  
El Salvador

**Appomattox Regional Governor's School**  
Romania, Russian Federation

**Bethel High School**  
Italy

**Broadneck High School**  
Netherlands, Norway

**Brooke Point High School**  
Algeria, Brazil, Germany

**Catholic High School**  
Mexico, Montenegro

**Cedar Ridge High School**  
Switzerland

**Churchland High School**  
Ireland

**Colonial Heights High School**  
Republic of Korea

**First Colonial High School**  
Israel, Palau, Saudi Arabia

**Granby High School**  
Jordan, United Kingdom

**Grassfield High School**  
Finland, Japan, United States

**Great Bridge High School**  
Belgium, Croatia

**Green Run Collegiate School**  
Bahrain, Colombia, Zambia

**Hampton High School**  
Estonia

**Heritage High School**  
Burkina Faso

**James River Academy of Diplomacy**  
India

**Kecoughtan High School**  
New Zealand

**Lafayette High School**  
Argentina, Egypt, Singapore

**Leonardtown High School**  
Iran (Islamic Republic of)

**Manor High School**  
DR Congo

**Maury High School**  
China

**Menchville High School**  
Nepal

**Mountain View High School**  
Malawi, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates

**Norfolk Collegiate School**  
Canada, Ghana

**Norview High School**  
Greece

**Ocean Lakes High School**  
Denmark, Poland, Spain

**Oscar F. Smith High School**  
Viet Nam, Yemen

**Princess Anne High School**  
Bolivia, Cambodia

**Solebury School**  
France

**St. Anne's-Belfield School**  
Ukraine

**Tidewater Collegiate Academy**  
Thailand

**Virginia Episcopal School**  
South Africa

**Warhill High School**  
Somalia

**Western Branch High School**  
Czechia, DPR Korea

**Williamston High School**  
Guatemala

# ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)

**Azerbaijan**  
Leonardtown High School

**Brazil**  
St. Anne's-Belfield School

**Canada**  
Cedar Ridge High School

**China**  
Maury High School

**Dominican Republic**  
The Gunston School

**Egypt**  
Colonial Heights High School

**Finland**  
Lafayette High School

**France**  
Hickory High School

**Haiti**  
Tidewater Collegiate Academy

**Iran (Islamic Republic of)**  
Brooke Point High School

**Israel**  
First Colonial High School

**Japan**  
Mountain View High School

**Democratic People's Republic of Korea**  
Western Branch High School

**Republic of Korea**  
Albemarle High School

**Mexico**  
Kecoughtan High School

**Netherlands (Kingdom of the)**  
Menchville High School

**Nigeria**  
Manor High School

**Pakistan**  
Annapolis High School

**Poland**  
Ocean Lakes High School

**Russian Federation**  
Appomattox Regional Governor's School

**Senegal**  
Norfolk Collegiate School

**Slovakia**  
Churchland High School

**Spain**  
Oscar F. Smith High School

**Sri Lanka**  
Warhill High School

**Sweden**  
Williamston High School

**Switzerland**  
Princess Anne High School

**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**  
Granby High School

**United States of America**  
Grassfield High School

**Uzbekistan**  
Norview High School



# INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA)

## Azerbaijan

Leonardtown High School

## Brazil

St. Anne's-Belfield School

## China

Maury High School

## Djibouti

Colonial Heights High School

## Dominican Republic

The Gunston School

## Finland

Lafayette High School

## France

Hickory High School

## India

Williamston High School

## Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Brooke Point High School

## Israel

Cedar Ridge High School

## Japan

Mountain View High School

## Kenya

James River Academy of Diplomacy

## Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Albemarle High School

## Republic of Korea

Colonial Heights High School

## Liechtenstein

Bethel High School

## Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

Menchville High School

## Nigeria

Manor High School

## Pakistan

Annapolis High School

## Poland

Ocean Lakes High School

## Russian Federation

Appomattox Regional Governor's School

## Saudi Arabia

First Colonial High School

## Senegal

Norfolk Collegiate School

## Slovakia

Churchland High School

## Sri Lanka

Warhill High School

## Sweden

Virginia Episcopal School

## Switzerland

Princess Anne High School

## Türkiye

Western Branch High School

## United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Granby High School

## United States of America

Grassfield High School



# NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO)

## Albania

Leonardtown High School

## Belgium

Warhill High School

## Bulgaria

The Gunston School

## Canada

Cedar Ridge High School

## Croatia

Great Bridge High School

## Czechia

Albemarle High School

## Denmark

Ocean Lakes High School

## Estonia

Manor High School

## Finland

Lafayette High School

## France

Solebury School

## Germany

Brooke Point High School

## Greece

Norview High School

## Hungary

Annapolis High School

## Iceland

Williamston High School

## Italy

Appomattox Regional Governor's School

## Lithuania

Maury High School

## Luxembourg

Princess Anne High School

## Montenegro

Bethel High School

## Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

Green Run Collegiate

## North Macedonia

James River Academy of Diplomacy

## Norway

Mountain View High School

## Poland

Menchville High School

## Portugal

Hickory High School

## Romania

First Colonial High School

## Slovakia

Norfolk Collegiate School

## Slovenia

Churchland High School

## Spain

St. Anne's-Belfield School

## Sweden

Colonial Heights High School

## Türkiye

Western Branch High School

## United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Granby High School

## United States of America

Grassfield High School



# MEETING ROOMS

Security Council ..... Eppington

## General Assembly Bodies:

First Committee: Disarmament and Security ..... Poplar Hall

Third Committee: Social, Humanitarian and Cultural ..... Providence Hall

Fourth Committee: Special Political ..... Stratford Hall

Special Session: UN Reform ..... York Hall

## Specialized and Crisis Bodies:

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) ..... Monticello

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ..... Merrimac

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ..... Claremont

Crisis One: Berlin Wall, 1989 ..... Greenway

Crisis Two: Hunger Games ..... Brandon

Crisis Three: Lord of The Rings ..... Montpelier

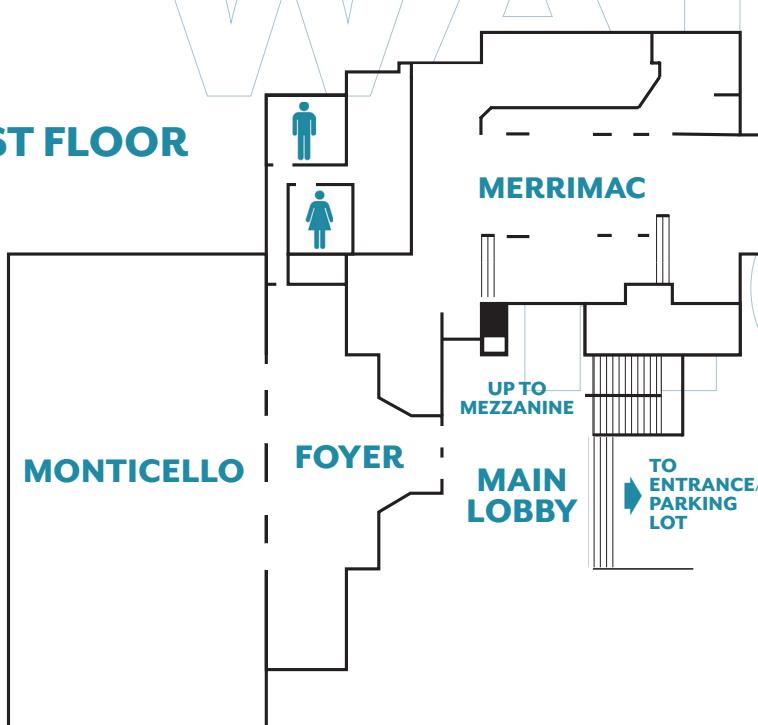
Registration ..... Westover

Computer Room ..... Wilton

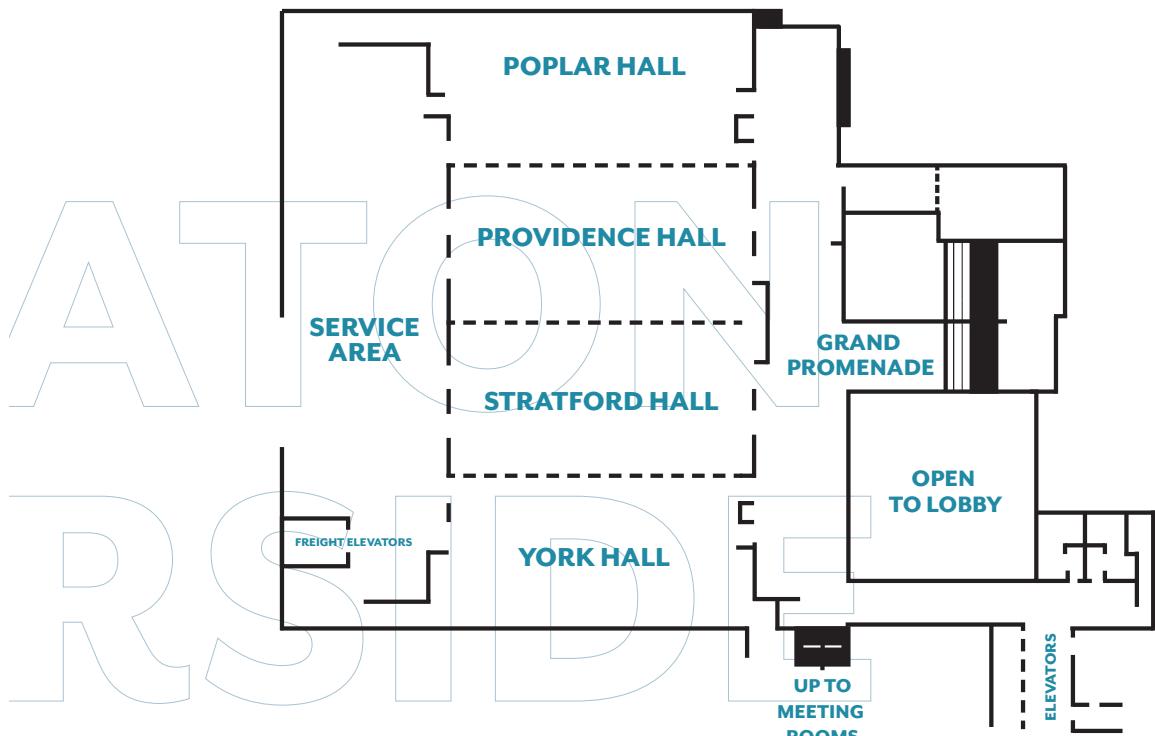
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Faculty Forum ..... Riverwalk

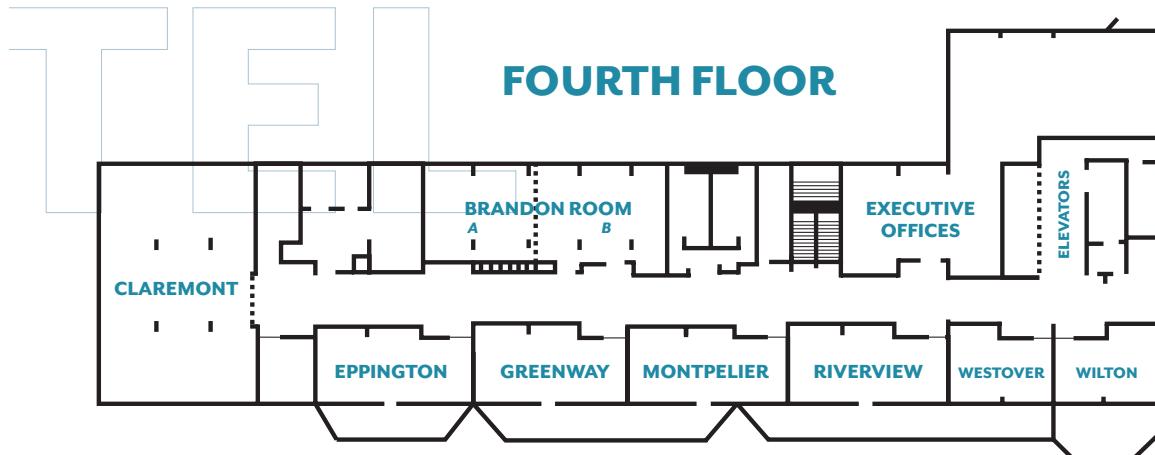
## FIRST FLOOR



## THIRD FLOOR



## FOURTH FLOOR



# CRISIS 1: BERLIN WALL, 1989

**Barkley, Richard**  
U.S. Ambassador to East  
Germany  
Norview High School

**Bush, George H. W.**  
President of the United States  
Solebury School

**Cheney, Dick**  
Secretary of Defense  
Ocean Lakes High School

**Gates, Robert M.**  
Deputy National Security  
Advisor  
St. Anne's-Belfield School

**Hills, Carla A.**  
United States Trade  
Representative  
Grassfield High School

**Matlock Jr., Jack F.**  
U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet  
Union  
Churchland High School

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Chairman of the Joint Chiefs  
of Staff  
Cedar Ridge High School

**Quayle, Dan**  
Vice President of the United  
States  
Brooke Point High School

**Rice, Condoleezza**  
NSC Director for Soviet  
Affairs  
Manor High School

**Scowcroft, Brent**  
National Security Advisor  
Granby High School

**Walters, Vernon A.**  
U.S. Ambassador to West  
Germany  
Colonial Heights High School

**Webster, William H.**  
Director of Central  
Intelligence (CIA)  
First Colonial High School

**Zelikow, Philip**  
NSC Director for Germany  
Maury High School



## CRISIS 2: HUNGER GAMES

**Alma Coin**

Solebury School

**Annie Cresta**

Leonardtown High School

**Asterid Everdeen**

Brooke Point High School

**Beetee Latier**

Norfolk Collegiate School

**Caesar Flickerman**

Ocean Lakes High School

**Casca Highbottom**

Colonial Heights High School

**Cato**

James River Academy of Diplomacy

**Cinna**

Green Run Collegiate

**Cressida**

First Colonial High School

**Effie Trinket**

Granby High School

**Foxface**

Williamston High School

**Gale Hawthorne**

St. Anne's-Belfield School

**Haymitch Abernathy**

Grassfield High School

**Johanna Mason**

Lafayette High School

**Joseph Boggs**

Cedar Ridge High School

**Katniss Everdeen**

Churchland High School

**Lucy Gray Baird**

Warhill High School

**Madge Undersee**

Bethel High School

**Peeta Mellark**

Norview High School

**Primrose Everdeen**

Manor High School

**Rue**

Virginia Episcopal School

**Seneca Crane**

Maury High School

**Volumnia Gaul**

Western Branch High School



## CRISIS 3: LORD OF THE RINGS

**Aragorn**  
Solebury School

**Bilbo Baggins**  
Churchland High School

**Boromir**  
Brooke Point High School

**Elrond**  
Western Branch High School

**Éomer**  
Ocean Lakes High School

**Forlong the Old**  
Colonial Heights High School

**Gimli**  
First Colonial High School

**Legolas**  
Granby High School

**Radagast the Brown**  
St. Anne's-Belfield School

**Samwise Gamgee**  
Grassfield High School

**Théoden**  
Cedar Ridge High School



## FACULTY SPONSORS AND CHAPERONES

**Albemarle High School**  
Allison Ramirez

**Annapolis High School**  
Jessica Pantazis

**Appomattox Regional Governor's School**  
Emily Hardesty, Benjamin Spiers

**Bethel High School**  
Ralph Monahan

**Broadneck High School**  
John Camm

**Brooke Point High School**  
Patrick Holshouser, Joe Bailey

**Catholic High School**  
Austin Benda

**Cedar Ridge High School**  
Frank Felicelli

**Churchland High School**  
Corey Koch, Chanaiya Jones-Saunders

**Colonial Heights High School**  
Bill Wilson

**First Colonial High School**  
Larry Spruill, Heather Spruill

**Grassfield High School**  
Lee Mongold, Stephen Giannotti

**Granby High School**  
Benjamin Baumann

**Great Bridge High School**  
Cara Blevins

**Green Run Collegiate**  
Debra Warunek, Homer Babbitt

**Hampton High School**  
Lee Dibble

**Heritage High School**  
John Armstrong

**Hickory High School**  
Joseph Lucente

**James River Academy of Diplomacy**  
Pallab Chatterjee

**Kecoughtan High School**  
Paul Rice

**Lafayette High School**  
Craig Wortman, Josie Whalen

**Leonardtown High School**  
Tracy Harding

**Manor High School**  
Page Flagg, Daniel Doersam

**Maury High School**  
Rudy Ramos, Kayla Shook

**Menchville High School**  
Timothy Dragone

**Mountain View High School**  
Leigh Wiegert

**Norfolk Collegiate School**  
Jenna Ross

**North Penn High School**  
Rachel Wilcox

**Norview High School**  
Allison Butterly

**Ocean Lakes High School**  
Lisa Gibson, Jakob Saunder

**Oscar F. Smith High School**  
Connor Clarke, Heather Hammond

**Princess Anne High School**  
Maria Franklin, Belinda Pond

**Solebury School**  
Don Kaplan

**St. Anne's-Belfield School**  
Jon Shoup, Liza Rubenoff

**The Hague School**  
Kate Mouak

**Tidewater Collegiate Academy**  
Dr. Wendy Scott

**Virginia Episcopal School**  
Martha Terrell Burruss, Alison Moor

**Warhill High School**  
Sarah Boyd, Andrew Barnett

**Williamston High School**  
Anne Wade, Megan O'Rourke



# ODUMUNC FACULTY FORUM 2026

## GLOBAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE RETURN OF GREAT POWER POLITICS

Saturday 14 February, 9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Riverwalk Room (enter through the City Dock Restaurant)

The Faculty Forum is ODUMUNC's unique event for Faculty Sponsors and Chaperones, the people who make this conference possible. All Faculty Sponsors and Chaperones are invited.

This year's Faculty Forum examines the consequences of *Global Adjustment to the Return of Great Power Politics*.

First it was the Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, now President Trump's raid on Venezuela and demand to take Greenland. The return of great power conquest is more than headlines; it is a shock to the international system, leaving the Post-World War Two Liberal World Order in tatters. What do great powers want? And what is the rest of the world doing in response? And what does it mean to us?

Faculty Forum participants are eligible for Continuing Education credit through Old Dominion University. Faculty Forum and break services are free to registered Faculty Sponsors, Chaperones, their guests and ODU alumni.

9:00 a.m. Coffee and refreshments for Faculty Sponsors and Guests

9:20 a.m. Welcome, Aaron Karp

9:30 – 10:20 a.m. *The Role of Africa in the New World Order*, Dr. Soji Akomolafe

10:30 – 11:20 a.m. *East Asia in an Era of Great Power Politics*, Dr. Charmaine N. Willis

11:30 – 12:20 a.m. *The Role of Russia in the New World Order*, Dr. Peter E. Yeager



**Dr. Soji Akomolafe** is Professor of International Relations and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Norfolk State University. He also teaches at the ODU Graduate Program in International Studies. He received his doctorate from the University of Bordeaux in France. A former Director of the Center for Global Education, he serves on the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads and has twice held the role of Vice President. Dr. Akomolafe has co-authored two books and contributed nine chapters in other books. He has traveled extensively, building professional relationships in countries such as South Africa, England, China, Scotland, Peru, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Mexico, South Korea, Canada, and notably in France and Nigeria.



**Dr. Charmaine N. Willis** is Assistant Professor at Old Dominion University in the Department of Political Science and Geography. She specializes in contentious politics and US foreign policy, with a regional focus on East and Southeast Asia. Her work has appeared in several academic journals, including the *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Social Movement Studies*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Review*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, and *Terrorism and Political Violence*. She also is Book Reviews Editor for the journal *Asian Security*, and co-author of the book *Trading with Pariahs* (2024). Prior to joining ODU, Professor Willis was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. Her Doctorate is from the University at Albany, State University of New York. She has Masters Degrees from Albany and American University, and her Bachelors Degree from the University of Southern Maine.



**Dr. Peter E. Yeager** teaches strategy at the Joint Forces Staff College, a component of National Defense University, where he is Director of the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He holds a Ph.D. in International Studies from Old Dominion University, and retired as a Colonel from the US Marine Corps. He has significant experience in national and international security affairs, with a professional background that spans government, military, multinational organizations, and higher education. His research examines how national identity and self-conceptions shape state behavior in international affairs.

# CAUCUSING BLOCS

For countries represented at ODUMUNC 49

The 193 Member States of the UN divide into five official regional blocs: the *African Group* (AG) with 55 Member States, *Asia-Pacific Group* with 53 Member States, *Eastern European Group* with 23 Member States, the *Latin American and Caribbean Group* (GRULAC) with 33 Member States and *Western European and Others Group* (WEOG) with 28 Member States, including Canada and the United States), plus one observer (Israel). UN regional blocs are the basis for dividing UN responsibilities, jobs and allocations.

In practice, however, states can belong to several voting blocs, and other major groups often are more important in voting. These include:

**The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM):** Also known as the Group of 77 (G77), now with 120 Member States (not all present at ODUMUNC). This is the largest UN voting bloc, including nearly all states of Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia. NAM members also caucus with their regional blocs.

**African Union (AU):** The AU includes all countries of the African continent, as well as adjacent island states: Madagascar, Sao Tome and Principe, and Seychelles.

**Organization of American States (OAS):** includes all sovereign states of North and South America, and the Caribbean, except Cuba which refuses to participate in OAS events. Several Latin American countries including Cuba caucus separately as the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	The European bloc in the UN	Netherlands	Switzerland	Sudan
Members	Members	Poland	Switzerland	Syria
Brunei	Austria	Portugal		Tunisia
Cambodia	Belgium	Romania		UAE
Indonesia	Bulgaria	Slovakia		Yemen
Laos	Croatia	Slovenia		
Malaysia	Cyprus	Spain		Non-members
Myanmar	Czechia	Sweden		Eritrea
Philippines	Denmark	EU Candidates		Iran
Singapore	Estonia	Albania		Uzbekistan
Thailand	Finland	Bosnia		Türkiye
Viet Nam	France	Iceland		
Candidates	Germany	Kosovo		Blocs make their own rules.
Papua New Guinea	Greece	Montenegro		
Timor-Leste	Hungary	North		Member States are free to form ad hoc blocs on particular issues as they wish.
Plus Three	Ireland	Macedonia		
Rep. of Korea	Italy	Serbia		
China	Latvia	Turkey		
Japan	Lithuania	Non-candidates		
	Luxembourg	Israel		
	Malta	Norway		

# SUMMARY OF RULES AND PROCEDURES

Complete Rules of Procedure and Resolution are available on the ODUMUN website, <https://www.odu.edu/modelun/conference/resources> .

**Position Papers** are not required at ODUMUNC, but highly encouraged. Position papers should specifically address a country's positions on the agenda of the body. They should be single spaced, no more than two pages. Position papers are collected at the start by committee staff. Although not required for awards, they add points in award judging. Position papers may be distributed to other delegations, but authors are responsible for distribution.

**Opening debate:** A session is opened through a motion to open debate. The first motion after opening debate is to open a speaker's list. Parameters for the speakers list can be requested by the body, with the consent of the chair.

**General Debate:** Delegations present their priorities for the conference, before a topic has been set.

**Setting a Topic:** A topic must be set by the body through a motion and a simple majority vote. Once a topic is set, a second speaker's list is opened.

**Formal vs. Informal Debate:** All bodies open under Formal Debate, which only allows for a speaker's list with no questions. Informal debate, which allows for questions in a speaker's list, must be requested by motion and passed.

**Speaker's List:** Delegates are added to the speaker's list or called upon to speak by the chair. A speaker's list does not expire unless debate is closed or the body enters voting procedure.

**Yielding:** When on a speaker's list, delegates may yield to the chair, another delegate, or if parameters allow, to questions. Once a second delegate has been yielded to, that delegate may yield remaining time to the chair only. If a delegate refuses to yield for a question, they may not take any other questions.

**Moderated Caucus:** Moderated Caucuses have a set duration, speaking times, and topic. All this must be requested in a motion. Speakers are called on one at a time. If no more speakers are willing to speak, the caucus ends and the body reverts to the previous speaker's list.

**Unmoderated Caucus:** An Unmoderated Caucus has a set time duration only. Delegates are free to meet. The chair retains the right to request a topic, however.

**Crisis Directives:** For Crisis simulations only, Directives require a simple majority of the body to pass.

**Working paper:** A draft, still controlled by its sponsors, it changes by agreement of sponsors.



**Draft resolutions:** A Working Paper accepted and numbered by the dais is controlled by the chair. It changes only through amendment. Draft Resolutions require one-fifth the body present as sponsors to be considered for voting.

**ODUMUNC does not allow use of previously written resolution texts.** Resolutions must be the collaborative work of delegates at ODUMUNC. Pre-written texts will be rejected by the dais.

**Merging Drafts:** The chair, at their discretion, may request sponsors of similar drafts to combine them into a single draft for further consideration.

**Friendly Amendments:** Require approval by all the sponsors of the draft resolution, and the minimum number of signatories. They are voted on together with their corresponding draft resolution.

**Unfriendly Amendments:** If a sponsor of a draft resolution requests, an amendment becomes unfriendly. Unfriendly Amendments are voted on together with their corresponding draft resolution.

**Closing Debate:** Debate must be closed to move into voting procedure.

**Voting Procedure:** Voting is requested by motion after debate is closed. Doors are closed, observers leave the room or move back as requested by the Chair. Default voting is by placard vote. Delegates may request by motion a roll call vote, subject to decision of the Chair.

**Note passing** is a professional privilege. Notes must serve diplomatic goals exclusively. Notes must never be in any way personal. Inappropriate notes may lead to disciplinary action.

**Censoring:** After repeated disciplinary warnings by the Chair, the Chair may Censure an individual delegate—ask them to leave the current session and end their eligibility for awards.



# ES AND CONDUCT

## Delegate Conduct

Delegates are expected to remain courteous and professional at all times. Courteous and professional conduct can be best practiced by remaining in character during committee sessions, treating other delegates with respect and collaborating in a constructive manner, maintaining dignified behavior during all conference events and on hotel property, and by refraining from any consumption of alcohol and other illegal substances.

Any violation of these terms can lead to dismissal from conference activities. ODUMUNC has a zero tolerance policy for harassment or consumption of alcohol or illicit substances by delegates.

## Delegate Dress

Delegate dress at ODUMUNC sessions must be professional, promoting a serious deliberative atmosphere, and never distracting. Standard delegate attire at conference sessions is Western business attire: jacket and tie for men and comparably formal for women; dress shoes for all delegates during sessions. Bring walking shoes for after.

Specifically:

- Delegates are required to wear conference badges at all ODUMUNC sessions and events.  
Name badge mistakes will be corrected for free, but lost badges require a replacement fee.
- T-shirts, jeans, shorts, miniskirts or sandals are not allowed in conference sessions.
- National clothing matching your country assignment is permitted so long as it is formal and not mocking or distracting, as judged by ODUMUNC staff.
- Official conference T-shirts are permitted at non-deliberative events and at Sunday conference sessions only.
- Casual attire is fine outside formal meeting times, at non-deliberative events, karaoke and the delegate dance, so long as it is not distracting, as judged by ODUMUNC staff.
- ODUMUNC staff reserve the right to request that delegates violating these rules to leave or change into appropriate clothing immediately.

As a practical rule, if you are not sure about it, do not wear it.



**Photo Release:** by registering and submitting participants' names, sponsors grant Old Dominion University and the ODU Model United Nations Society permission to use their school's participants' names and/or photographs in ODU publications and media both in print and electronic versions.

**Computer Room** (Wilton Room) is the place to type resolutions that have been approved. Free internet access is available in the hotel lobby and with payment in your hotel room.

**Pages** are students from area schools volunteering to make your conference a success. Feel welcome to turn to them for in-conference messaging. Respect their essential contribution and effort by showing them full diplomatic courtesy.



# SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Drafts must be submitted using the on-line Working Paper template.

Resolution Number is given by Dias Staff.

Resolution number: ODUMUNC/48/GA1/2/1

Resolution Title: *African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty*

Topic: Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones

Body: General Assembly, First Committee

Sponsors: Algeria, Austria, Dominica, Gabon, Iran, Maldives, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia

Date: 14 February 2025

The General Assembly,

Sponsors must be one-fifth present Member States, alphabetized.

Preamble justifies, gives the history and goals of the resolution.

Recalling its resolutions 51/53 of 10 December 1996 and 56/17 of 29 November 2001 and all its other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also the signing of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba) in Cairo on 11 April 1996,

Recalling further the Cairo Declaration which emphasized that nuclear-weapon-free zones, especially in regions of tension, such as the Middle East, enhance global and regional peace and security,

Considering that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones, especially in the Middle East, would enhance the security of Africa and the viability of the African nuclear-weapon-free zone,

1. Calls upon African States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Treaty as soon as

possible;

Operative Clauses say what is to be done. They are numbered.

2. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency for the diligence with which they have rendered effective assistance to the signatories to the Treaty;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its next session the item entitled 'African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty'.



# RESOLUTION TIPS

The **Preamble** of a resolution established the precedents for UN action on this issue, such as past resolutions, as well as justifications for acting (the problems to be solved) and goals of the resolution.

**Operative or Activating Clauses** call for specific actions by the Member States, the UN Secretary-General, other UN organizations, or other targets of a resolution. The Operative clauses of General Assembly resolutions may only request action by Member States. Only the Security Council can demand or require action by Member States.

The following are the most commonly used verbs and adverbs to begin **Preambulatory** and **Operative Clauses** in resolutions:

## *Preambulatory*

Acknowledging  
Affirming  
Alarmed by  
Appreciating  
Approving  
Aware of  
Bearing in mind  
Believing  
Concerned  
Contemplating  
Convinced  
Declaring  
Deploring  
Desiring  
Disturbed  
Emphasizing  
Expecting  
Further recalling  
Guided by  
Having adopted  
Having considered  
Having examined  
Having heard  
Having studied  
Keeping in mind  
Noting  
Observing  
Reaffirming  
Realizing

## Recalling

Recognizing  
Referring  
Regretting  
Seeking  
Taking into account  
Urging  
Welcoming

**Operative Clauses**

Accepts  
Affirms  
Approves  
Authorizes  
Calls upon  
Commands  
Condemns  
Confirms  
Congratulates  
Considers  
Deplores  
Designates  
Draws attention  
Emphasizes  
Encourages  
Endorses  
Expects  
Invites  
Notes  
Proclaims

## Reaffirms

Recommends  
Regrets  
Reminds  
Requests  
Resolves  
Supports  
Transmits  
Trusts  
Urges  
Welcomes

## *Security Council*

*all the above, plus:*  
Decides  
Demands  
Insists  
Mandates  
Requires

# TRAINING SESSIONS

## ODUMUNC Major Body Training: Intro to the General Assembly

Thursday, 13 February 7.00 pm, Stratford Hall

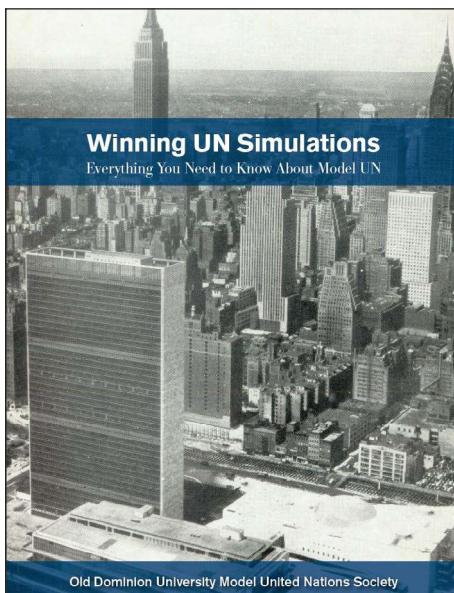
Hosted by ODUMUNC staff on Thursday night, 7.00 – 8.30 p.m., this session is meant to familiarize delegates with the basics of Model UN and provide some helpful hints and strategies for effective participation in large bodies. Staff review rules and procedure, give tips from the dais, and share some insights. Recommended for all delegates in large bodies..

## ODUMUNC Crisis Simulation Training

Thursday, 13 February 7:00 pm, York Hall

Hosted by the ODUMUNC crisis staff on Thursday night, 7.00 – 8.30 p.m., this session reviews crisis committee rules and procedures at ODUMUNC 48. The discussion for crisis delegates will center on the nature of a crisis simulation, portfolio powers, deliberative procedure and strategy for moving topics. Recommended for all participants in crisis simulations and smaller bodies.

On-line training videos are available at <https://www.odu.edu/modelun/conference/resources>



## Winning UN Simulations

When the going gets tough, the tough get the ODU Delegate Guide. Get your copy of *Winning UN Simulations: Everything You Need to Know About Model UN*.

Available online at <https://www.odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/resources>

## AWARDS

Conference awards are the highlight of the closing ceremony on Sunday. Awards allow staff to acknowledge special achievements of delegate and delegation preparation, realism, effectiveness and productivity.

**Secretary-General's Award for the Best and Outstanding Delegations:** These are ODUMUNC's highest commendations for the schools that excel in the broadest range of conference simulations, stressing preparation, realism, effectiveness and productivity. Awards are based on recommendations from the staff of each body to the Secretariat-General.

**Jean-Bernard Gazarian Award for the Most Diplomatic Delegation:** Named for the UN official long-associated with ODUMUNC, the Gazarian Award recognizes the delegation that stands out for diplomatic effort, measured in its contribution to problem solving, in final committee outputs. Gazarian award decisions are based on recommendations from the staff of each body to the Secretariat-General.

**Committee Awards:** Each ODUMUNC body awards one Best Delegation, to the delegation or delegate who best exemplifies the goals of the committee, as well as Outstanding and Honorable Mention awards. Each body's staff chooses award winners based on each delegation's preparation, realistic portrayal, effectiveness and productivity.

**Judging:** Awards are based on the preparation, realism, effectiveness and productivity of conference delegates and delegations. Delegates whose behavior is censured by ODUMUN staff may be disqualified from awards, on the recommendation of their chair.

