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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

SCHEDULE



CONFERENCE STAFF

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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

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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 Hammarskjöld, 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 Albermarle 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*



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

Leonardtwn 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
Leonardtwn 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

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Senegal

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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

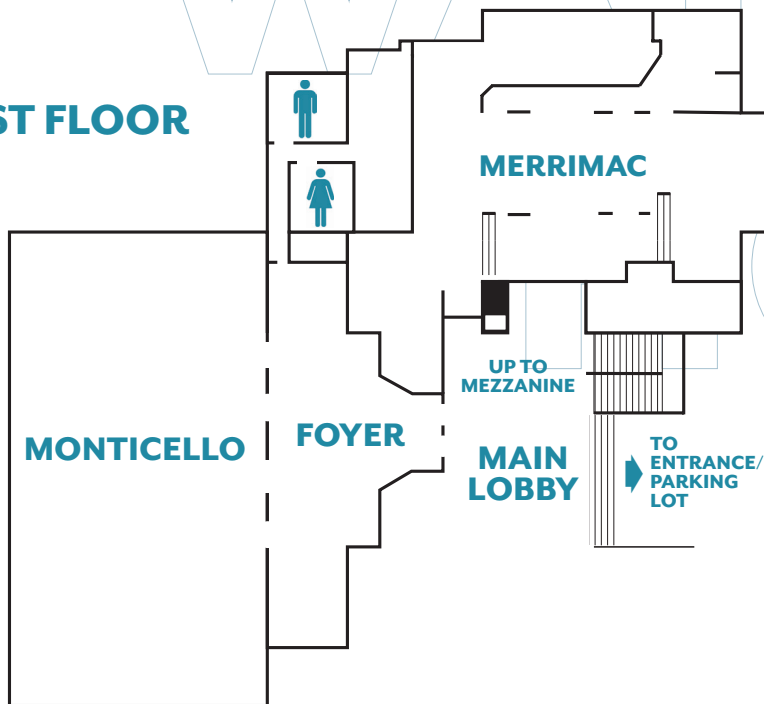
Registration Westover

Computer Room Wilton

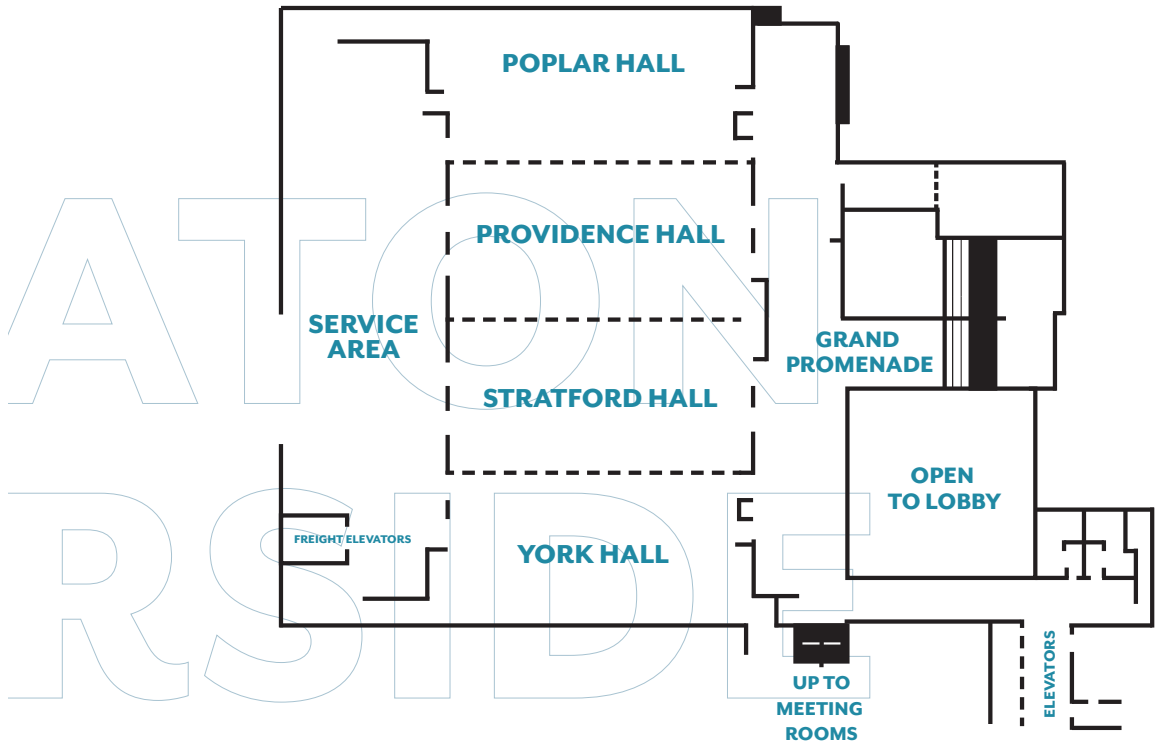
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Faculty Forum Riverwalk

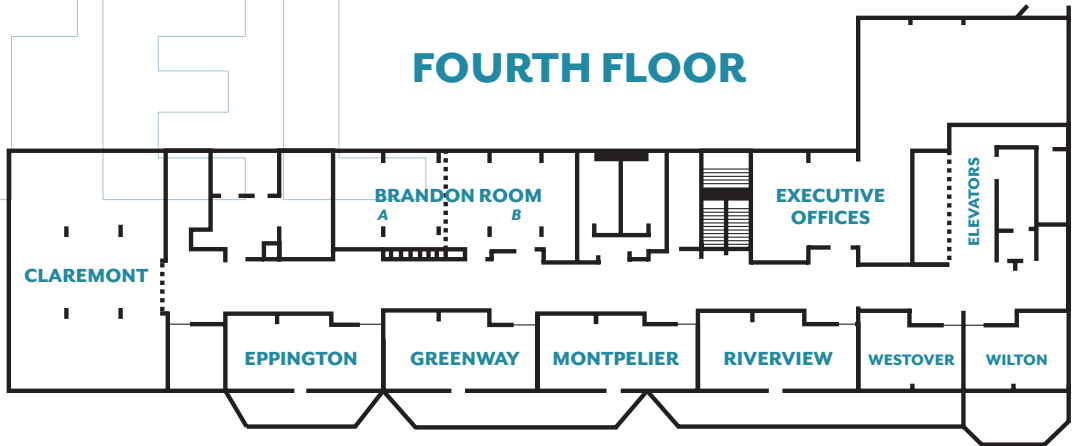
FIRST FLOOR



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

Powell, Colin L.
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
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Germany
Colonial Heights High School

Webster, William H.
Director of Central
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Zelikow, Philip
NSC Director for Germany
Maury High School



CRISIS 2: HUNGER GAMES

Alma Coin
Solebury School

Annie Cresta
Leonardtwn 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



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Frank Felicelli

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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
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John Armstrong

Hickory High School
Joseph Lucente

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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.



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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
<i>Members</i>	<i>Members</i>	Poland	The League of Arab States bloc in the UN	Syria
Brunei	Austria	Portugal	<i>Members</i>	Tunisia
Cambodia	Belgium	Romania	Algeria	UAE
Indonesia	Bulgaria	Slovakia	Bahrain	Yemen
Laos	Croatia	Slovenia	Comoros	<i>Non-members</i>
Malaysia	Cyprus	Spain	Djibouti	Eritrea
Myanmar	Czechia	Sweden	Egypt	Iran
Philippines	Denmark	<i>EU Candidates</i>	Iraq	Uzbekistan
Singapore	Estonia	Albania	Jordan	Türkiye
Thailand	Finland	Bosnia	Kuwait	<i>Blocs make their own rules.</i>
Viet Nam	France	Iceland	Lebanon	<i>Member States are free to form ad hoc blocs on particular issues as they wish.</i>
<i>Candidates</i>	Germany	Kosovo	Libya	
Papua New Guinea	Greece	Montenegro	Mauritania	
Timor-Leste	Hungary	North Macedonia	Morocco	
<i>Plus Three</i>	Ireland	Serbia	Oman	
Rep. of Korea	Italy	Turkey	Palestine	
China	Latvia	<i>Non-candidates</i>	Qatar	
Japan	Lithuania	Israel	Saudi Arabia	
	Luxembourg	Norway	Somalia	
	Malta			



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.



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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 courtesies.



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

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

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

The General Assembly,

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
Commends
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

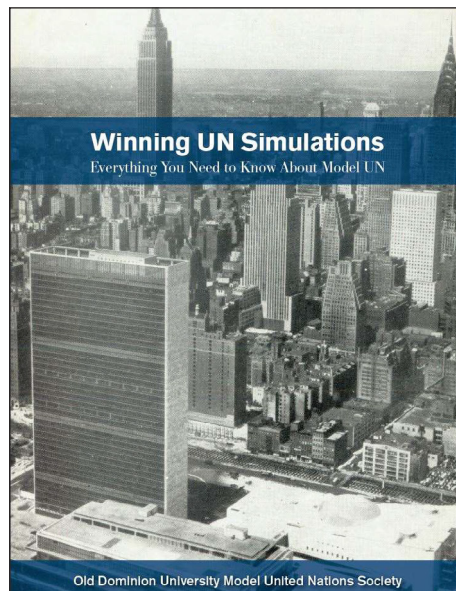
Hosted by ODUMUNC staff on Thursday night, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., this session is meant to familiarize delegates with the basics of Model UN and provide some helpful hints and strategies for effective participation in large bodies. Staff review rules and procedure, give tips from the dais, and share some 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.

