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When I first joined the club here, it had just barely begun recovering from the pandemic. Few knew about the club and it seemed like even fewer were interested in joining. Yet a small delegation of 12 were able to go to our first travel conference in San Francisco. As someone who did MUN throughout high school I have seen all types of delegates, and all types of people. I confess I did not expect much and thought that it could be a rude wake up call for those interested that they in fact were not interested. However, I am happy to say that I was wrong, and each member proved that even if they weren't the best at it, they had the potential to be. Even further, they proved to be really great people and even greater friends. That small delegation of 12 has slowly been growing and in fall 2023 we brought over 20 people to a multi-day conference at USC. Again, this proved to be a very important learning experience for the young club. They blew away my expectations, and every single delegate made massive strides in the direction of success. I'm so excited to see where this club goes next and I'm even more excited to see who comes along with us. I hope every member will grow to hold MUN with the same fondness that I do. MUN may seem daunting, but the reality is that MUN - specifically here at Long Beach- is an opportunity for individuals to practice their speaking and writing skills, while traveling the world, making long lasting friends with people from all different locations and walks of life. Join MUN.