

MUN Reflection

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Model United Nations was an incredible experience and an integral part of my undergraduate education. My interest in helping revive this program at the Beach was my fascination with the law and eagerness to understand its operations at the international level. Model UN has provided me the ability to pursue my passion in a way where I can develop useful academic skills and life-changing opportunities. During my time in Model UN, I had the pleasure of working with other club members to represent countries including Malta, Latvia, Ireland, and Cuba. At conferences from Los Angeles to San Francisco, and even D.C., we worked alongside many students from around the world to discuss and attempt to solve global issues from sexual violence, civilians in combat zones, the rights of people to self-determination, restructuring the International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice, melting permafrost, and ocean acidification. Because of Model UN, I understood the complexities of paramount issues related to justice and the environment. My experiences taught me the spirit of diplomacy, where I learned how to negotiate and compromise. Some of my favorite memories included working with my co-delegates, Grant Latour, Sarah Arya, and Ryan McGuirk creating captivating speeches and tactful strategies to have our favored resolution passed in committee. Vigorously representing Malta on the Security Council, Grant and I worked with other committee members to pass a consensus-based resolution. We had the honor of being awarded distinguished delegates and receiving a peer award. Sarah and I had the wonderful opportunity to serve as Conference Rapporteurs at Model United Nations of the Far West, where we delivered a speech summarizing our committee's accomplishments. She and I went on to become recipients of two research awards. Model UN provided a platform to pursue my newly found passion for international law while surrounded by a positive community. I highly recommend anyone from any major to check out and participate in this program.