

schmEHS/SHS Conference - April 10th, 2021



REGISTRATION LINK

ADS AND DROPS CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT 4/2

**Please note that EACH delegate should fill out a registration form individually. There is no need for sponsors to fill out one form for your entire school. This conference is structured for individual delegations only, no partners, so please make sure every delegate who wants to attend fills out the form.

[COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS HERE!](#)

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Welcome from the Secretaries-General!

We are Mia Weber and Sara Davis, from Erie High School and Skyline High School, and we are thrilled to welcome you to the first-ever EHS/SHS Model United Nations Conference! As seniors and founding members of our MUN clubs, we are super excited and have worked really hard to ensure that this last conference of the year is the best one yet!

We are also delighted to welcome Rosalind Wiseman, New York Times bestselling author and founder of Cultures of Dignity as our guest speaker. Rosalind works with communities to shift the way we think about young people's physical and emotional wellbeing.

Given that this conference is at the end of the year, we selected unique and challenging topics to give our participants a real chance to show off their skills. Due to this, we want to encourage delegates to choose their council not only based on their experience but also their interest in the topic. We have chosen the following council topics: Beginner UN Human Rights Council (Beginner-Intermediate Security Council (Nationalism in the Eastern Bloc States), Intermediate (Lunar Independence and Development), and Advanced (Historical Roman Senate). While these topics were selected to challenge delegates, we have full confidence in your ability to effectively tackle these councils with grace while still having fun.

In an effort to improve the experience of our delegates, and to most accurately convert the feeling of an in-person MUN conference to a virtual format, each council will also have designated judges separate from presiding officers.

We hope you all come ready for a productive debate and we look forward to seeing you all in action! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at weber.mia25@svvsd.org and davis.sara27@svvsd.org.

Conference Schedule

April 10th, 2021

8:30am - 9:00 → Opening Ceremony

9:00 - 11:30 → Council Session #1

11:30 - 12:00 → Lunch Break

12:00 - 2:00 → Council Session #2

2:00 - 2:30 → Closing Ceremony

Timeline and Important Dates

March 19th = Registration deadline

March 19th = Background guides will be sent out*

March 29th @ noon = Last day for drops or adds

March 29th by midnight= Announce country assignments*

April 7th = Position Papers Due

April 10th Conference Day!

*** For dates marked with an asterisk: You may hear from your PO, or from Sara and Mia about background guides or country assignments earlier than this date, but you will absolutely have that information by the listed deadline.**

General Conference Logistics

Payment

Please note that this conference fee is \$10 and a portion will be donated to Cultures of Dignity. Please make checks payable to *Judith Trinkner, MUN*. The address to mail your checks is below.

Judith Trinkner
Erie High School
3180 WCR #5, Erie, CO 80516

Position Papers

Position papers will be graded for this conference, and well-written position papers will be eligible for an award. The rubric is located [HERE](#). Below are the email addresses for your POs. Please email both your POs your position paper by 11:59 pm on April 7th.

Councils:	POs:
Beginner	COUNCIL #1: Langst.audrey10@svvsd.org mccrac.kira09@svvsd.org COUNCIL #2: davis.hailey08@svvsd.org shrest.ashwin25@svvsd.org
Beg/Int	COUNCIL #1: mcgee.keiran14@svvsd.org woodla.natali10@svvsd.org COUNCIL #2: hambli.charle20@svvsd.org kirkev.simone25@svvsd.org

Int	COUNCIL #1: alwaysvictorious64@gmail.com hansso.karste20@svvdsd.org COUNCIL #2: weber.mia25@svvdsd.org brooks.christ08@svvdsd.org
Advanced	davis.sara27@svvdsd.org ramire.oliver13@svvdsd.org

Judges and Awards

In an effort to host the best conference possible, there will be separate judges in each council in addition to the two Presiding Officers.

Delegate Expectations

For this conference, delegates will be expected to wear formal business attire. Hats are not permitted. Delegates are expected to treat one another with decorum and respect.

Zoom Links

*Will be posted as we get closer to the Conference. Please keep checking back in.

Council:	Zoom Link:
Opening Ceremony	https://zoom.us/j/92718921705?pwd=OUZaNEg0Ui9WcXBQOmpiaFJ5Mm82dz09 Meeting ID: 927 1892 1705 Passcode: 94jnHZ
Beginner	Council 1: https://zoom.us/j/92041342272?pwd=UWN3UTVqaWVSZXR6NGhQWFRpWWJ4Zz09 Meeting ID: 920 4134 2272 Passcode: SVVSD Council 2: https://zoom.us/j/99922707117?pwd=MXRIdmp5RWFKUzBWRXh6TWt3UUUpFQT09 Meeting ID: 999 2270 7117 Passcode: Px3ADa
Beginner / Intermediate	Council 1: https://zoom.us/j/99747874154?pwd=cWZqRXBDN2pwdjN1bWdNNDBMaXNKdz09 Meeting ID: 997 4787 4154 Passcode: EZL6Er

	<p>Council 2:</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/97710820201?pwd=dWRhNXQyeUhHRXJCajlHOGFxQ2dnZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 977 1082 0201</p> <p>Passcode: na901Y</p>
Intermediate	<p>Council 1:</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/94904173588?pwd=V2FqbnZmYW9handJeC9HY1hEejBUdz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 949 0417 3588</p> <p>Passcode: 9FekVG</p> <p>Council 2:</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/92718921705?pwd=OUZaNEg0Ui9WcXBQOmpiaFJ5Mm82dz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 927 1892 1705</p> <p>Passcode: 94jnHZ</p>
Advanced	<p>https://zoom.us/j/98144370870?pwd=NFhPR2gwdTdDM1RUyVF1c2FoMkVBZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 981 4437 0870</p> <p>Passcode: 9dRkj3</p>
Closing Ceremony	<p>https://zoom.us/j/92718921705?pwd=OUZaNEg0Ui9WcXBQOmpiaFJ5Mm82dz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 927 1892 1705</p> <p>Passcode: 94jnHZ</p>

Background Guide Links

*Will be posted by March 19th

Council:	Link:
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Beginner	https://docs.google.com/document/d/15l_69cc2JYUyHsil4I7yUblFlsN7gaS8PpIcAzjBNwU/edit?usp=sharing
Beginner / Intermediate	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AV-F5wop4ARsO-YRNY1X-sAgN4gub5oLP1qP9CCX1Dc/edit?usp=drivesdk
Intermediate	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fSGbBe7E1WNn3OSf9KuQ1WFnDDJLwCuYJUG1ovl1KTM/edit?usp=sharing
Advanced	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J6THf0aGp_HEPRsfq97C0GdZE4Vbnp0czBKOEXfzK60/edit?usp=sharing

Council Breakdowns

Beginner Security Council - International Water Rights

In 2020, tension between China, surrounding states, and the United States have exponentially increased through an increased military presence in the South China Sea. Beijing considers the majority of the South China Sea to be an inalienable territory of the Chinese Government. With the U.S.-China trade war and the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), tensions have significantly increased between China, surrounding the states, and the U.S. which are expected to increase. In April of 2020, Vietnam sent a formal complaint about China's actions after a Chinese vessel rammed and sank a Vietnamese fishing boat near the Paracel Islands, which is within reach of Vietnam's east coast.

With increased Chinese aggression, this council must come together to de-escalate the tensions as well as prevent future acts of war that may affect civilians. We ask you that you, the delegates, must conduct a constructive and inclusive debate, as well as explore the complexities of how water disputes not only affect militaries but also civilians.

Beginner / Intermediate Human Rights Council (UNHRC) - Human Rights Concerns and Extreme Nationalism in Poland

During the past decades, Poland has experienced a large shift both culturally and politically. Poland, being formerly occupied by both Nazi Germany and the USSR, has one of the most complex relationships with governance and politics in the whole of Europe. Poland is predominantly catholic and traditionally right-leaning, meaning that the progressive ideals of the rest of Europe have not always been in line with

the cultural identity of Poland, particularly after the end of the occupation of Nazi Germany. This fundamental clash of the dominant culture in Poland and more progressive cultural ideals coming into Poland from the rest of Europe after the fall of the USSR came to a head in the early 2000s. Polish activists exposed the role Polish Nationals and Militiamen had in the role of violent anti-semitism perpetrated during the holocaust and Soviet occupation. Poland, a country that had long seen itself as the victim of the holocaust, was forced to reckon with its own role in anti-semitic violence, splitting the country in two, pitting Polish nationalists and conservatives against those who supported progressive ideals. Poland began reversing its progress with the Law and Justice Party, a right-wing populist political party, dominating government, with governmental checks on power quickly being eroded, causing Poland to free fall on international freedom indexes and sparking massive human rights clashes with several international organizations, namely the E.U and the UN. In 2020, widespread protests erupted after an anti-abortion bill was passed, causing the country to shut down. The UN general assembly expressed its concerns with this act, particularly relating to human rights.

In this council, you will deal with examining the relationship between nationalism and human rights abuses, the long-discussed issue of how far national sovereignty goes, as well as addressing the failings that lead what was once the model state for democracy in the eastern block to fall so quickly into extreme, anti-democratic sentiments.

Intermediate UNLDC - Lunar Independence and Development

The year is 2042. The United Nations has formed the United Nations Lunar Development Council (UNLDC) in order to address the specific interests of the growing lunar colonies and to allow lunar colonies to participate in the international stage independent of their parent nation. The UNLDC is also responsible for actions on international trade surrounding the moon in cooperation with UNOOSA (United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs). Delegates from all the major permanent colonies currently operating on the moon *and* their parent countries will be present and focused on addressing Lunar Decolonization and Lunar Independence.

In this session of the council, the UNLDC will be discussing the issue of Lunar colonial independence, and the future of the lunar colonies. Certain elements of this council are outside of history or existing scientific ability.

Advanced - Historical Roman Senate

The potential and ability of the Roman Senate continued to increase as time progressed leading up to Julius Caesar's assassination, as Senators typically came from the powerful old families of Rome. This accumulation of wealth and status eventually allowed senators to become their own social class. Since the Roman Senate had the greatest effect on Roman life, it typically dealt with public funding, while also playing a large role with the issuing of the currency, and even administered the armies during a time of war. After the assassination of Julius Caesar, Rome

faced great political and social upheaval. As a Roman senator, you must decide whether to punish the conspirators, how to create good and lasting change, as well as face any crises that may threaten your course of action.

Of course, as political assassinations were common in this era, delegates will be allowed to assassinate each other in the course of this conference's events. Therefore, we ask that you follow the instructions listed on the registration form, and pick a backup senator, to ensure that you are able to still fully participate in the council as the Ides of March come to pass.