

Valor Christian High School Model United Nations Conference 7 January 2023

Sponsors, please register your teams by 9 December 2022 at 11:59 PM using the link here.

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Welcome

Dear Sponsors and Delegates,

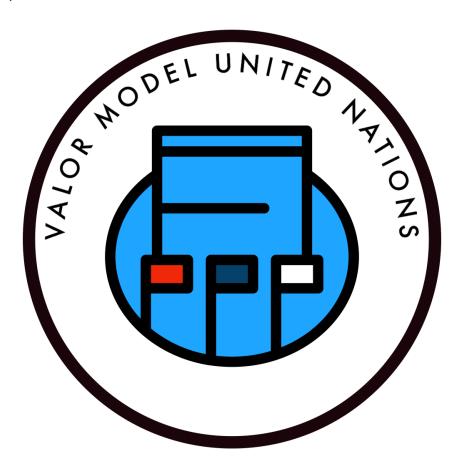
Valor Christian High School is pleased to invite you to attend our very first in-person Model United Nations conference, which will be held on January 7 on the Valor campus.

Although the timing of this conference places it right around the end of most schools' winter breaks, we look forward to welcoming all students who wish to participate. Thus, there will be no cap on the number of delegates, unless we approach room capacities.

In deciding the theme for this conference, we ultimately settled on the idea of "the impact of Africa." Though critically underrepresented and underserved in modern history, Africa remains a vital part of the international community. Each of our councils concern issues directly related to issues faced by the larger African community today. We hope that by exploring these topics and councils, you can develop a greater appreciation for the historical and contemporary impact of Africa.

Sincerely,

Olivia Deering, Secretary-General Benjamin Merson, Deputy Secretary-General Paul Stapleton, Club Sponsor



Councils and Background Guides

We will be offering three councils at this conference. The Intermediate and Advanced councils should expect at least one crisis during the conference.

Sponsors, please assist your clubs in steering your students towards councils appropriate to their skill levels and interests. That said, delegates are encouraged to sign up for councils whose topics align with their personal interests and passions. The Beginner Security Council is reserved for students who have completed no more than two previous conferences.

Level	Council	Topic(s)	Participating Countries
Beginner (single or double delegations)	Security Council The Background Guide for this council is available here. Pre-written resolutions will be provided for this council.	Counter-Piracy off the Somalian Coast The Mediterranean Refugee Crisis	Voting: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States, Kenya, India, Mexico, Ireland, Norway, Mozambique, Japan, Ecuador, Malta, Switzerland
Intermediate (single delegations)	United Nations Environment Programme The Background Guide for this council is available here. Participants in this council should expect at least one crisis.	Maritime Plastics Combatting the Impact of Oil Spills	Voting: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States, Myanmar, Haiti, Rwanda, Libya, Laos, Philippines, Angola, Japan, India, Germany, Burundi, South Korea, Sierra Leone, Indonesia, Malaysia, Barbados Non-Voting Observers: Holy See
Advanced (single delegations)	Historical 1935 League of Nations The Background Guide for this council is available here. Participants in this council should expect at least one crisis.	Ending the Conflict in Abyssinia Humanitarian Relief for Civilians in Abyssinia	Voting: Ethiopia, Italy, United Kingdom, China, France, Liberia, South Africa, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Siam (Thailand), Spain, Switzerland, Irish Free State, Mexico, Turkey, Iraq, Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Romania, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, British Raj (India) Non-Voting Observers: Sultanate of Aussa, British Somaliland, French Somaliland, Italian Somaliland, Italian Eritrea, International Red Cross

Timeline of Conference Dates

Please take note of the following deadlines for participation in this conference:

Registration opens; background guides available.	21 November 2022
Registration due by sponsors <u>here</u> . (Clubs are responsible for registration costs for all delegates who drop after this point.)	9 December 2022
Assignments emailed to sponsors.	12 December 2022
Deadline to drop delegates.	16 December 2022
Conference date. (Two copies of each position paper are due at check-in.)	7 January 2023

Conference Schedule

Please take note of the following schedule of events on the day of the conference, 7 January 2023:

Time	Event	Location
8:00 - 9:00	Check-In	Arts Lobby
9:00 - 9:30	Opening Ceremonies	Arts Performance Hall
9:30 - 12:00	Session I	Academics Classrooms
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Arts Upper Lobby
1:00 - 3:00	Session II	Academics Classrooms
(1:30-2:30)	(Sponsors' Meeting)	Academics Library
3:00 - 3:30	Closing Ceremonies	Arts Performance Hall

Note that some events will be in the Academics Building, and others will be in the Arts Building. QR code maps will be provided in conference programs to guide delegates and sponsors to these buildings, and to help all guests navigate our campus. Maps are available further down in this invitation.

During sessions, sponsors are invited to work in the Library of the Academics Building, where there will be access to outlets, tables, work spaces, and refreshments.

Position Statements and Resolutions

Two sponsor-signed copies of each delegation's position paper will be collected during check-in. A sample position statement and template can be found at ColoradoModelUN.org.

The Beginner Security Council will be provided with prewritten resolutions, which can be amended as each council sees fit. These can be found in the relevant background guide. Delegates in all other councils will be expected to draft their own resolutions. Prewritten resolutions for non-Beginner councils will not be accepted.

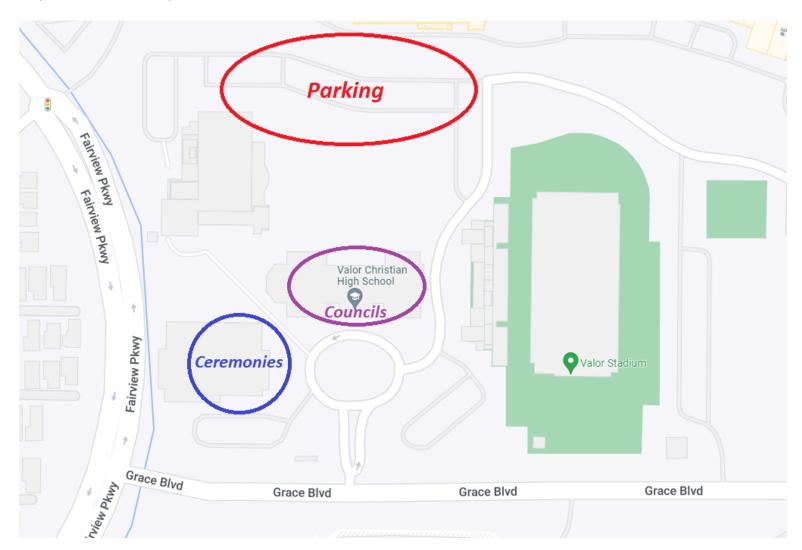
Awards

During this conference, the following accolades will be awarded for each council:

- Best Delegate: The Best Delegate for each council will be awarded an engraved gavel.
- Outstanding Delegate: The Outstanding Delegate for each council will be awarded a trophy.
- Honorable Mention: The Honorable Mention for each council will be awarded a certificate.
- Best Position Paper: The writer of the Best Position Paper for each council will be awarded a
 certificate.

Location and Parking

Valor Christian High School is located at 3775 E Grace Blvd in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, 80126. Parking is available behind the school, in the area marked in red in the below maps. Registration, as well as opening and closing ceremonies, will take place in the Arts building (the Valor Center), marked in blue on the below maps. The councils will take place in the Academics building, marked in purple on the maps. An interactive map of the Valor campus can also be found here.





Breakfast

We will be providing breakfast refreshments for all delegates, sponsors, presiding officers, and other guests during the check-in process. This will include bagels, coffee, juice, and water.

Lunch

A variety of nearby lunch options are available within short walking distance of our campus. We will include a list of nearby lunch options in the conference program. The Arts Upper Lobby will also be available as a space for your team to each lunch together on-site, if you would like.

Free lunches will be provided for judges, sponsors, and POs. These will be delivered to the Library, in the Academics building. Lunch options are available in the registration form.

Payment

Sponsors, please plan to pay the \$12 delegate fee for your registered delegates through check or cash. If possible, please plan to pay on the day of the conference. If paying in cash, please collect cash from your delegates in advance before check-in. Registration fees should include payment for all delegates registered by the 12 December drop date.

If paying with a check, please make it payable directly to Valor Christian High School.

If mailing a check, please address it to:

Valor Christian High School Attn: Paul Stapleton 3775 Grace Boulevard Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Contact Information

A school photographer may be on campus during this event to promote MUN within our internal school communications. If you have concerns about this, please reach out to our club sponsor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our club officers or sponsor via the following email addresses:

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