

Welcome to the

# BMES Model UN Club

2021 - 2022

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## What is Model UN?

Model United Nations (Model UN or MUN) is an authentic simulation of the United Nations in which students **act as country delegates** and engage in acts of diplomacy, negotiation, and decision making.

The Model UN Club is administered through **Global Minds, LLC** and registered with **Global Classrooms DC (GCDC)**, the flagship education program of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA), and is part of a nationwide initiative to strengthen relations between the US and the UN. GCDC provides an expansive curriculum curated by partnering UN agencies in the DC area. This year, in order to reach the needs of students during the pandemic, students will have access to an online curriculum, virtual workshops, virtual guest speakers and a virtual Model UN conference in the Fall.



**COME TO THE FIRST MEETING ON October 7 at 8:00am - 8:55am TO CHECK IT OUT FOR FREE in Ms. Bordley's Room.**

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## Who Can Join?

Students in grades 5 - 12.

## What do Students Learn?

This exciting program teaches students how to improve research, writing, public speaking, and negotiation skills. Students will build cultural awareness, cultivate their global citizenship through learning about international issues and the work of the United Nations.

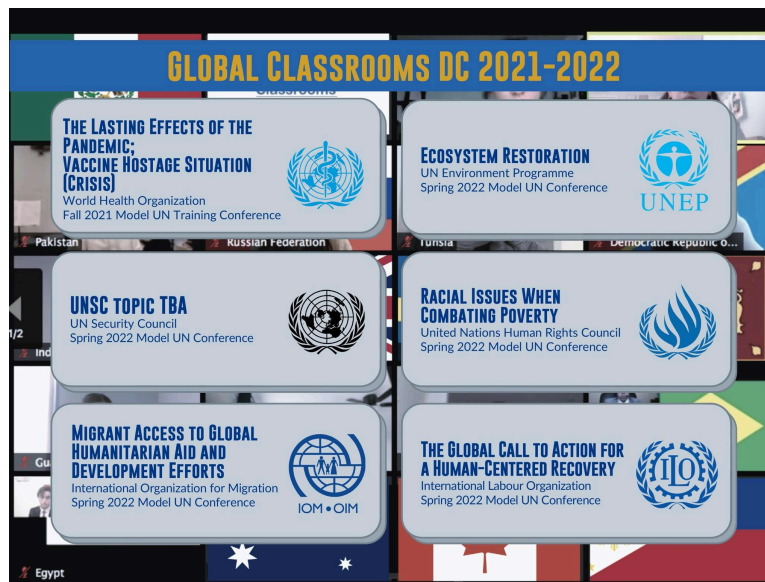
Students can expect to:

- Learn about world issues
  - Develop critical thinking skills
  - Develop team building skills
  - Develop public speaking and debate skills
  - Develop conflict management skills
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## Conferences

Model UN Conferences are where students dive into the roles of country delegates. The GCDC Fall 2020 Model UN Training Conference will take place virtually via Zoom Thursday, November 18 in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization. The conference will provide an opportunity for newcomers to Model UN to participate in a conference designed to teach rather than compete. Students who have previous Model UN experience will benefit from practicing current skills.



This year's Fall conference will feature the World Health Organization in which students will discuss the topic of "*The Lasting Effects of the Pandemic; Vaccine Hostage Situation*" and five other UN committees during the Spring Conference .

The GCDC Spring conference will likely take place in April of 2022. In years past, the competitive Spring conference has been hosted at the U.S. Department of State in Washington D.C. As conditions around the pandemic unfold, details about how the Spring conference will be conducted will be shared.

In addition to the two conferences hosted by GCDC, our club seeks out additional conference opportunities hosted by neighboring high schools and universities. As these become available, we will share these opportunities with parents and students.

# How to Register

This club will offer **weekly meetings in person on Thursdays from 8:00 am - 8:55am in Ms. Bordley's room, beginning on October 7. Registration for the Fall Session opens on September 23. [Click here to make a request to register.](#)**

**Cost should never be a reason why a student can't attend the Model UN Club. Please contact us at [bmesmun@gmail.com](mailto:bmesmun@gmail.com) if you would like to apply for financial assistance.**

## Meeting Dates & Fees *(Thursdays at 8:00am - 8:55am)* COME TO THE FIRST MEETING FOR FREE TO CHECK IT OUT

<p><b><u>Fall Session (8 weeks):</u></b> October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 11, 18 December 2, 9</p> <p><b><u>Conference Date:</u></b> <i>November 18: Virtual GCDC Fall Model UN Training Conference</i></p> <p><i>*Additional local conferences may be available for separate fees</i></p>	<p><b><u>Winter Session (8 weeks):</u></b> January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 3, 10, 17, 24</p> <p><i>*Additional local conferences may be available for separate fees</i></p>	<p><b><u>Spring Session (8 weeks):</u></b> March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 21, 28</p> <p><b><u>Conference Date:</u></b> <i>April (TBA): GCDC Spring Model UN Conference at the U.S. Department of State</i></p> <p><i>*Additional local conferences may be available for separate fees</i></p>
<p><b>\$220</b> <b>(includes Fall Conference)</b></p>	<p><b>\$200</b></p>	<p><b>\$240</b> <b>(Includes Spring Conference)</b></p>
<p><b>Registration opens</b> <b>September 23</b></p>	<p><b>Registration opens</b> <b>December 20</b></p>	<p><b>Registration opens</b> <b>February 17</b></p>
<p><b>Description:</b> An introduction to Model UN and the workings of the United Nations. Students learn research skills, practice new Model UN skills or build on current skills. Focus topics: Increase Access to Affordable Medicine and Vaccines, Protecting the Environment and Ecosystem Restoration.</p>	<p><b>Description:</b> Increase public speaking skills, writing skills and solving international issues through resolutions through mini-simulations. Focus topics: Human Rights, Migration &amp; International Solutions</p>	<p><b>Description:</b> Prepare for the Spring Conference by practicing Model UN Rules of Procedure through mini-simulations. Focus topics: Racial Issues When Combating Poverty, Migrant Access to Global Humanitarian Aid and Development Efforts</p>

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## Contact Us

Do you have more questions? Please contact us at [bmesmun@gmail.com](mailto:bmesmun@gmail.com)

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