

HAMUN 2026
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Letter From the Chair

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to HAMUN 2026! My name is Divya Shenoy, and I am thrilled to be serving as your director for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. I am currently a junior at Rice University majoring in cognitive sciences, and this will be my second year on HAMUN staff.

I have been involved in Model UN since high school, where I held a leadership position in my junior year. I have also chaired Rice's Model UN conference for the past two years and served as the director of the C-34 Committee at NHSMUN 2025 in New York City. Outside of academics, I love dancing, playing the violin, and traveling.

As delegates of UNESCO, you will be debating two extremely relevant and timely issues. From drafting resolutions on the influence of AI on global education to discussing the preservation of cultural heritage, this is an opportunity to address complex topics through collaboration. I am so excited to see the insightful debate and diverse perspectives you will bring to committee in February!

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