

35th MOAS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

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Welcome back to the 35th MOAS for high schools! Ms. Victoria Abalo kicked off the Opening Ceremony with welcoming remarks. Each year, new schools are welcomed to the Model that continue promoting democratic values among the youth of the Hemisphere.

Throughout the course of the next three days, the resources provided by the MOAS Program will be used to the fullest by all of the delegates. OAS experts explained to the delegation how important it is to dive into committee groups and voice opinions loud and clear. The ceremony concluded with remarks from Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Nestor Mendez, who thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone the best of luck. The ceremony ran smoothly and everyone is excited for the next three days!

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COMMITTEES

General Committee

Chair: Sadie Proud

Vice Chair: Juan Camilo Castro

The first day in the General Committee was a great introduction for the rest of the mock trial. Students were inspired by presentations from leaders of the Model Organization of American States which stressed the objective of the OAS in our world today and the impact of our mock trial along with equality, human rights, womens rights, and hemispheric and regional interconnectivity.

OAS experts were also present and shared with the General Committee the impact this organization has had on their country and people all throughout the Americas. This was followed by each country's introduction from the head delegate and their position for the week. Elections followed shortly after and many members stepped up into new positions. When it became time to break into working groups, delegates used inspiring words during the introduction as a motivator during collaboration. General committee is off to a great start!

General Committee Writer:
Alyssa LoRusso

First Committee

Chair: John Besche

Vice Chair: Grace Christenson

At the beginning of the first day in First Committee, the MOAS expert from Colombia came to talk to the delegates about his country. He wanted to share with everyone that all of the issues that will be discussed in the next few days are actually happening in real life. He used examples from his country where the OAS played a significant role. He also encouraged the delegates to have an enjoyable and productive time.

When the opening statements began, the Head Chair, John Besche, was excellent at getting the ball rolling. Many delegates had a lot of interesting points. Most delegates mainly wanted to focus on stability for the people of the Americas, utilize dialogue and cooperate with all countries, and recognize conflicts and to try to solve them as smoothly as possible. This committee will really make this 35th MOAS a wonderful experience.

First Committee Writer:
Emily Henry

Second Committee

Chair: Charles Hanley

Vice Chair: Sophia Azimi

The Model Organization of American States (MOAS) had an excellent first day in Second committee.

To start things off, a presentation was made by OAS expert Pernel Clark, informing the Second committee about the possible plan action on drugs including respect for gender and age, lack of evidence, the possibility keeping drug users out of jail, and treating the case as a health issue.

Following the presentation, OAS expert Barbara Marchiori came in and talked about child life protection and how it correlates to cyber security. Finally, the head delegates made their position statements. Head Chair, Charles Hanley explained how he is prepared to make sure the next three days run as smoothly as possible. He wants to make sure everyone participates and has fun while doing it!

Second Committee Writer:
Grace Alderman

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Third Committee
Chair: Jacob Gibbs
Vice Chair: Isaiah Barnes

Soon after the conclusion of the opening ceremonies, the delegates parted ways and congregated to their respective committee rooms. The delegates in the Third Committee settled into their eighth floor room with a sense of excitement to begin the conference. After introductions of the chair and his co-chairs, two representatives of the Organization of American States eloquently spoke to the eager students about the role of cultural and integral development in the organization and around the world.

The first speaker urged the committee to draft resolutions that give voices to people in different countries that do not have a voice. The Third Committee will also strive to target communities that are discriminated against, such as the LGBTQ community, and work to free them from cultural oppression. The second speaker, originally from Barbados, reiterated the idea that there is a great need to understand who “we” are. She noted that only when the people of the Americas can understand each other, will they develop deeper respect and empathy for each other. She finished her speech but stating that “culture is a cross-cutting subject because at the end of the day, culture is who we are, it is our lives.”

It was a successful first day in the third committee. Delegates plan on fostering civil society participation, and intend to further expand access to basic human rights for people across the Americas. Tomorrow, the committee will split into sub-groups and begin drafting resolutions.

Third Committee Writer
Juli Rudnick

Fourth Committee
Chair: Tanner Matott
Vice Chair: Katharine Hornish

Over the next three days, the Fourth Committee will be finding resolutions involving Promotion of Environmental Governance. Head Chair Tanner Mattot and Vice Chair Katherine Hornish did excellent jobs today kicking off discussions in the committee.

Today, two OAS experts Pamela Molina and Roberto Rojas spoke to the delegates about Fourth Committee goals. The experts told of how we are currently utilizing resources of 1.5 Earths but we have only the one. We are using too many fossil fuels and not looking out for our earth. Protecting biodiversity is a priority. We need to reduce our carbon footprint and leave the next generation with a better environment than we were left with. As a Committee the delegates need to consider the need for bettering water supply, urban living, and health care. These are the topics the delegates will take into consideration when making resolutions for Promotion of Environmental Governance in the next three days.

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