

# 35th MOAS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

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## WELCOMING REMARKS FROM THE 2016 MOAS PRESS CORPS

Welcome back to the 35th MOAS Conference for high schools! For the past thirty-five years, the Organization of American States has brought high schools from around the Americas to participate in an exciting and riveting conference centered around foreign affairs. This year is no different! For the 2016 conference, over thirty schools, located in nearly ten different countries have gathered in Washington D.C. to participate in the conference.

Over the next three days, high school students stemming from a variety of backgrounds will meet to discuss real-world issues facing the Americas today. Each school has been assigned to represent a specific country, and over the course of the conference will be tasked with assuming their countries positions during the resolution making process. Together, delegates will compose resolutions that promote better cooperation and communication amongst member states.

It is the goal of all involved in the MOAS program to allow students from across North and South America to fully immerse themselves in this conference, and we look forward to seeing what comes from the 2016 MOAS for high schools!

Good luck and get ready for a great three days!

Carly Munger & Lizzie Nadolski  
Press Corps Editors



# COMMITTEES

## General Committee

Chair: Sadie Proud

Vice Chair: Juan Camilo Castro

This year the OAS General Committee is excited to dive into the world of interconnectivity. Delegates will be focusing on Information and Communication Technologies, also known as ICT's, and how to promote them throughout the Americas today.

Currently, OAS Member States lack a harmonious network of communication technology which isolates states when they need to be connected. By decreasing this digital divide, the regions can work more efficiently in natural disaster situations which can span several states in an area. Delegates will also work to optimize such telecommunications and ICT's in order to promote preparedness, warning signs, relief, and recuperation of natural disasters throughout the Americas.

With just a few days and so much to discuss, this elite group of students is ready to tackle the technological issues we are facing today, and make a difference in the world we are living in.

General Committee Writer:  
Alyssa LoRusso

## First Committee

Chair: John Besche

Vice Chair: Grace Christenson

First Committee delegates are excited to jump into topic of discussions between juridical and political affairs. Subtopics will be discussed in detail with sustainable democracy. In a sustainable democracy, delegates will promote many ideas including dialogue among each other to help stop conflicts for the future. Discussing an improvement to the management and settlement of social conflicts is an additional topic on the itinerary.

The other subtopics included in First Committee involves conflict resolution and the OAS mission to support the peace process in Columbia. The peace process is between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, which represent the people. The process was made to end the Colombian conflict. The delegates will discuss supporting this peace process, including the standing up to illegal armed groups, and to recognize the rights of victims that have been through communities with violence. Also under the peace process of Columbia, the delegates will consider the support from Colombian institutions to help restore ex-combats in minorities. This year First Committee has a lot of exciting and insightful topics that delegates will eagerly exchange views on.

First Committee Writer:  
Emily Henry

## Second Committee

Chair: Charles Hanley

Vice Chair: Sophia Azimi

Each year, the MOAS provides a simulation where students can experience various essential skills such as leadership roles, problem-solving, negotiation, working together, and public speaking. Through this conference, students commit to look into numerous foreign countries and present their resolutions to the other participants in a way that can better the most involved countries possible.

The Second Committee delegates will separate to deal with issues involving the subtopics of cybersecurity, online child protection, and drug-related policies to form resolutions based on these aforementioned subtopics. Once this committee is prepared with resolutions, they will be ready for the upcoming conference.

Finally, this delegation is run by Head Chair, Charles Hanley, along with Vice Chair, Sophia Azimi, who will both run debates smoothly and try their best to make sure that Model is both fun and educational for everyone who is participating.

Second Committee Writer:  
Grace Alderman

# COMMITTEES

Third Committee  
Chair: Jacob Gibbs  
Vice Chair: Isaiah Barnes

Students throughout the hemisphere will join together to participate in this year's 35th annual MOAS. In particular, third committee's focus this year is fostering civil society participation and integrating indigenous cultures for economic agendas and sustainable development policies. Student participants will work together to solve issues within the realm of inter-American council for integral development. The main purpose of the inter-American council is to strengthen and uphold democratic institutions throughout the nations of the Americas.

Third committee will acknowledge the increasingly important role of civil society organizations in public life as well as the contribution of civil society organizations to the activities of the Organization of American States. Delegates in this committee will have researched the the stability of the economy, societal implications, and the role of culture in their assigned country. Students from various delegations representing different countries will work together to draft resolutions. The resolutions drafted will focus on solving issues regarding respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, periodic free and fair elections, transparency, probity and respect for social rights, and elimination of all forms of discrimination. The cooperation of citizens in any society is critical to an effective and sustainable government. Third committee's focus is to ensure that this idea becomes a reality.

Third Committee Writer:  
Juli Rudnick

Fourth Committee  
Chair: Tanner Matott  
Vice Chair: Katharine Hornish

The MOAS is an annual conference where students from around the world come together in Washington D.C. to learn and experience core skills such as teamwork, debating, communication, negotiation, public speaking and persistence. Students are provided with a platform to research foreign countries, form their own opinions on current topics, express their ideas, and even obtain leadership positions and roles of higher importance at the event.

Fourth Committee delegates cover issues pertaining to Good Governance for Sustainable Development. The committee will split into working groups to form resolutions based on the subtopics that follow- Promotion of Environmental Governance, and Inclusive Development Agenda Through Public Participation. Head chair, Tanner Matott and Vice chair, Katharine Hornish will work together to make sure everything runs smoothly. The 2016 MOAS is off to a promising start!

Fourth Committee Writer:  
Sophia Copeland

Press Corps  
Editors: Carly Munger &  
Lizzie Nadolski

The MOAS Press committee is responsible for creating the newsletters over the course of this year's Model OAS General Assembly. For over five years, the press has been made up of students from Springfield Township High School. Each press member is assigned to a committee or topic. Reporters interview other delegates and write articles summarizing each day's events for the daily newsletters.

These daily newsletters keep all delegates and attendees up to date on what's going on at the MOAS. The press committee is very helpful to delegates who only experience one working group. With detailed newsletters, students and advisors can read about different aspects of the program, and stay informed on various stories. Co-Editor In Chief's Carly Munger and Lizzie Nadolski are very excited for this year's 35th MOAS conference.

Press Writer:  
Lily Basgall