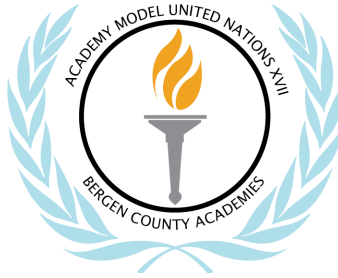


AMUN XVII
February 4-5, 2016



Welcome to Academy Model United Nations XVII!

Dear Model United Nations Advisor,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 17th Annual Academy Model United Nations (AMUN XVII) conference hosted by the Bergen County Academies in Hackensack, New Jersey.

AMUN is a two-day conference that will be held from Thursday, February 4th to Friday, February 5th, 2016. We will be welcoming students and advisors from across the New York Metropolitan Area this winter to partake in an exciting and enlightening experience. Our conference fosters problem-solving skills, and allows new students to gain a first taste of organized debate and provides veteran students the opportunity to hone their debating and public speaking skills. AMUN is also a great first conference for Model United Nations teams that are entirely new to your school.

We are pleased to inform you of the wide selection of committees that we will be again offering this year. In addition to the General Assembly Committees, we will be running specialized committees (such as the United Nations Children's Fund) as well as a number of agency simulations that are not officially part of the United Nations, but still play a significant role in global politics (such as the International Criminal Court). In addition, AMUN will be hosting two distinct Joint-Crisis Committees this year, Trojan War and Avatar the Last Airbender, to foster more intense debate. This year AMUN is proud to launch a new style of committee, a novice committee for beginning delegates. All of the committees at AMUN XVII committees will encourage all delegates to extensively research and analyze their respective country's policies and political relations. We are confident that each of our committees will allow both novice and experienced debaters to put their skills to good use in an accurate simulation of 21st century international politics.

We encourage you to visit our website for continuous updates and general information about our conference at www.academymodelun.org. Registration will occur through our website, with a deadline of January 15, 2016. The delegate fee for AMUN XVII will be **\$50**. We hope your Model United Nations team will be part of our 2016 conference and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Rachel Gleyzer and Dongeun Kim, Directors of External Affairs
amun2016.external@gmail.com.

Cc: Aparna Anand, Secretary General

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Bergen County Academies Model United Nations *- The 17th Annual Conference -*

Academy Model United Nations (AMUN) is a two-day conference hosted by the Bergen County Academies in Hackensack, NJ. For nearly two decades we have welcomed high school students and teachers from across the region to participate in this exciting and educational Model UN experience. Our event provides students with their first taste of organized debate, allowing them to develop skills in diplomacy and debate while also acquiring knowledge of international relations. This year, we invite you to experience what AMUN 2016 has to offer!

In the past, our dedicated staff has excelled by offering lively debate in a productive atmosphere, culminating with delegates learning more about significant international issues and specific nations. The delegates conclude the conference having learned more about themselves and their own capabilities as well as having met with others whose perspectives may be different from their own. This is what we covet: the ability to open up the eyes of young people the world over to ideas and solutions previously unconsidered.

We pride ourselves on being able to cater to all skill levels: novice delegates to the most experienced delegates will find committees here that fit their abilities and interests. To ensure that everyone comes out knowing that they have had the most productive time possible at the conference, we limit our largest General Assembly committees to a small and manageable number. This regulation of committee size affords our newer delegates the ability to speak their positions effectively, whereas at a larger conference they may not be heard to this extent.

The 17th Annual Academy Model United Nations Conference will prove to yet again be one that is memorable for both its ingenuity and productivity. You will be hard-pressed to find the excitement level at other high school conferences - come join us!



Conference Information:

There is a \$50 entry fee per student. Payment will be accepted before or upon arrival AMUN 2016. All checks should be made out to “Student Activity Fund- AMUN”. We cannot offer refunds after we have received payment. If one of your members, for whatever reason, cannot attend the convention, we suggest finding another student from your school to attend in their place. Please notify us at amun2016.external@gmail.com about the change and send in a permission slip for the new student immediately.

All chapters must convey their intent to attend the AMUN 2016 by **January 15, 2016**. As stated before, registration will be done on our website. On the day of the convention, delegations and their advisors will be asked to arrive promptly at **1:30 P.M.** The chapter advisor(s) will register the chapter at the front desk and will receive informational packets, name-tags, folders, and other important materials for the convention. **Teacher/Advisors must be present to register a delegation.**

Formal attire is required for all delegates attending the convention. All attendees should be dressed in Western business attire. **T-Shirts, shorts, jeans, or any other form of casual or “street” clothing is unacceptable.** Any delegate dressed in these clothes will not be permitted to participate.

There will be a guest speaker program during the opening ceremonies of AMUN XVII. It is asked that all students behave respectfully during the guest speaker’s presentation.

The BCA campus has two parking lots; the participant/the local chapter must arrange any transportation to and from the convention. Please see the enclosed map for specific directions to the school.

Food and drinks will be provided to any participating delegate, provided they enter the cafeteria with a name-tag.



Committees:

General Assemblies:

- Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)
- Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)
- Social and Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM)
- LEGAL Committee
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Human Rights Committee (UNHRC)
- United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- World Health Organization (WHO) – Novice

Specialized and Regional Bodies:

- East Asia Summit
- Organization of American States (OAS)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- European Union Union (EU)
- United Nations Security Council (SC)
- National Football League (NFL)
- International Criminal Court (ICC)
- Press Corps

Crisis Committees:

- JCC Avatar Last Airbender
 - Fire Nation
 - Earth Kingdom
 - Water Tribes
- JCC Trojan War
 - Greeks
 - Trojans

For descriptions of these committees and their debate topics, as well as more details on the operation of JCCs, please visit our website at www.academymodelun.org/committees/.



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Conference Schedule:

Thursday, February 4th, 2016	
1:30 - 1:45	Outside Delegate Registration (Faculty Advisors only)
2:00 - 3:15	Opening Ceremonies
3:30 - 5:30	Committee Session A
3:30 - 6:15	Committee Session B (snack time will be announced)
5:30 - 6:10	Dinner A
6:15 - 7:00	Dinner B
6:10 - 9:00	Committee Session A (snack time will be announced)
7:00 - 9:00	Committee Session B
Friday, February 5th, 2016	
2:30 - 5:30	Committee Session B
2:30 - 6:10	Committee Session A (snack time will be announced)
5:30 - 6:05	Dinner B
6:10 - 7:00	Dinner A
6:05 - 8:30	Committee Session B (snack time will be announced)
7:00 - 8:30	Committee Session A
8:30 - 9:15	Closing & Awards Ceremonies



Code of Conduct:

To ensure that AMUN maintains an atmosphere of safety and professionalism, we require that all participants agree to the points outlined in this document.

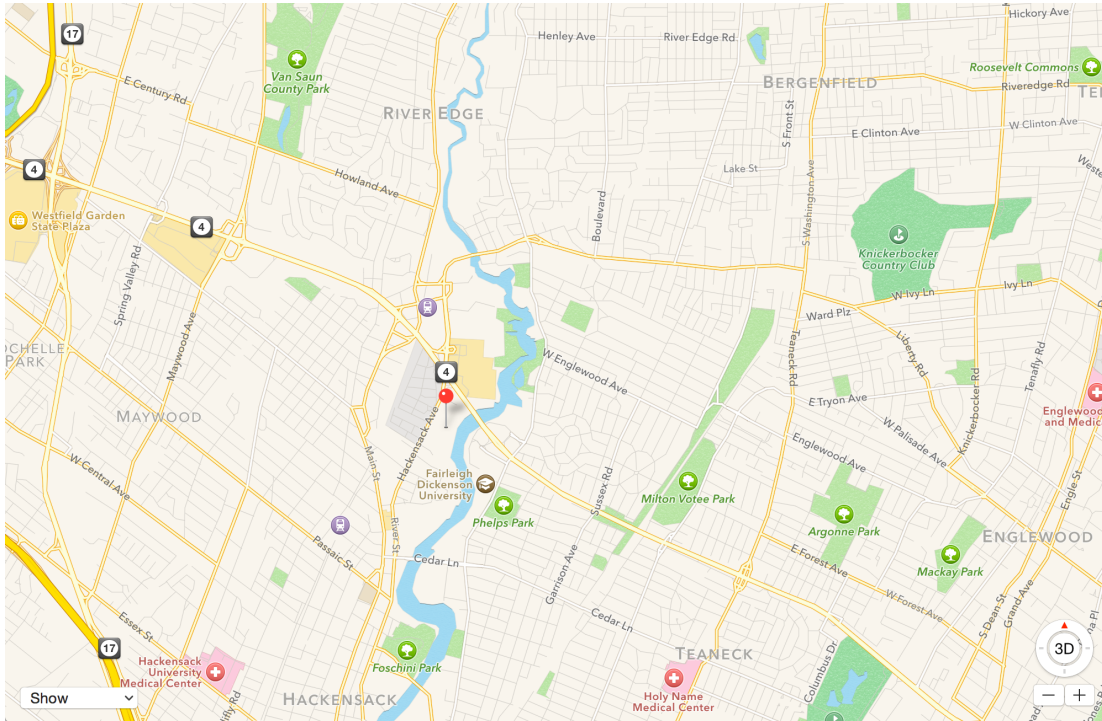
1. NJ State HIB Laws and regulations remain in full forces and effect throughout the conference. Any student who violates these policies will be reported to your districts HIB coordinator.
2. The conduct of AMUN delegates reflects on both their home districts and the Bergen County Academies. Delegates must abide by all conference rules at all times. Failure to do so will have immediate consequences.
3. AMUN delegates must attend committee in Business Attire and must respect the authority of their committee staff and the rights of fellow delegates.
4. Supervision of the delegates will be the responsibility of their school chaperones, based on these rules and any further rules issued by the AMUN staff. Delegates will also respect the supervision of the Bergen County Academies faculty and staff.
5. Bergen County Academies, the staff of AMUN, are not responsible for any injuries sustained during the conference and for any damage accrued due to a failure to comply with these and other AMUN rules.
6. Delegates will be required to observe and follow all disciplinary and conduct policies of Bergen County Academies and their sending district.
7. Any kind of abusive or derogatory language including, but not limited to, language based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, age and/or disability will not be tolerated.
8. Delegates must present AMUN identification upon request.
9. Delegates are fully responsible for any damage done to the property of Bergen County Academies, or to other delegates.
10. Any violations may be subject to any of the following consequences:
 - a. Verbal warning and probation for those delegates involved,
 - b. Disqualification and the removal of individual(s) involved from the conference,
 - c. Disqualification of the school involved from the conference.
11. Any delegates who may need to leave the conference for any reason must provide a parental note to their chaperones and must have their parents enter the Bergen County Academy building and sign-out their child at our front desk.
12. There are no electronic devices permitted to be powered on during the conference to include, cell phones, tablets, laptops, etc.
13. Under **NO** circumstances may any student leave the building during the AMUN conference for any reason without chaperone notification.

Signature

Date



Directions to the Bergen County Academies:



200 Hackensack Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601

From the New Jersey Turnpike, northbound:

Follow NJ Turnpike north towards the George Washington Bridge (western spur).
After passing through Exit 18W, continue north for about 2 miles.
The highway will divide- bear left for Route 80 (west) and enter the local lanes for Hackensack.
Take Exit 66- Hudson Street, Hackensack.
The exit ramp will bring you to a traffic light at Hudson Street; go straight through the traffic light.
At the next traffic light, turn left onto River Street (County Rt. 503,north).
Travel north up River Street (the name changes to Hackensack Avenue) for about 2 miles.
The Bergen County Academies is on the right (a large brick building) next to Boston Market.

From the Garden State Parkway, northbound:

Garden State Parkway (north bound); take exit 161.
The ramp will put you on Route 4, east. Keep left to stay on Route 4, east.
Travel about 2 miles and exit onto Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack.
NOTE: There are two adjacent exits for Hackensack Avenue. You want the first exit: Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack.
The exit ramp puts you on Hackensack Avenue (south bound).
The Bergen County Academies will be immediately on your left (a large brick building).

