

Cerritos

October 2-3, 2004
Beginner/Intermediate

Edison

October 23-24, 2004
Intermediate /Advanced

UCLA

November 5-7, 2004
Advanced

Berlin, Germany**

November 11-21, 2004
Advanced

LAIMUN

December 4, 2004
9am - 5 pm

Huntington Beach

January 8-9, 2005
Advanced

Mission Viejo

January 15-16, 2005
Intermediate/Advanced

Philadelphia**

January 24-30, 2005
Advanced
Approx \$1100.00

Berkeley**

March 11-13, 2005
Advanced
Approx. \$400.00

Huntington Beach

April 30, 2005
Freshman

Long Beach

May 20-21, 2005
Intermediate

UC Davis**

May 22-23

* Dates subject to change

** By invitation only

All local conference fees are included in your one time Participation Fee.

The Gavel

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Model UN's Tradition of Essay Writing Benefits Students Taking the New SAT

by Bob Timberlake



Model UN 's value shines through again. The new SAT now has added an essay section, and essays have always been an important element with Model UN.

This portion of the SAT is to be based on an argumentative form of essay writing. In other words take a position and defend it. The writers will not only take a stand, but must weave in cogent facts that support their written argument. They have 25 minutes to layout and produce a finished written product.

I have known for decades that in "real world" applications this form of writing was the most important tool anyone could have. As a teacher for the past 17 years, my colleagues and I have also pointed out that despite many new wave reforms, this form of cognitive essay writing was essential for success at the university level. Due to the challenging diversity of the MUN experience I can safely say that our seniors have written 20 - 30 of these types of essays. These essays have ranged from three to 25 pages! MUN 'ers not only get this practice but are consistently recognized with research awards for their efforts. These awards are significant due to the fact that they are in direct competition with their MUN peers at every conference, somewhat similar to the SAT.

I proudly add that the Costa Social Studies department. has made these analytical essays a key part of our department philosophy for the last 55 years. It is good to see the SAT finally get on board!



Interesting Facts About Model UN

Excerpts reprinted from the United Nations CyberSchoolBus website.

For over 50 years, teachers and students have benefited from and enjoyed Model UN's interactive learning experience that not only involves young people in the study and discussion of global issues but also encourages the development of skills useful throughout their lives:

- Research
- Conflict resolution
- Public speaking
- Problem solving
- Consensus building
- Compromise and cooperation
- Writing

The popularity of Model UN has contributed to the rapid growth of this activity over several decades, and today upwards of 200,000 high school and college/university students participate in a Model UN each year. In fact, quite a few of today's leaders in law, government, business, and the arts participated in Model UN during their academic career- from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and World Court Justice Stephen M. Schwebel to actor Samuel L. Jackson (Pulp Fiction, A Time to Kill). And yes, Chelsea Clinton is a Model UN veteran as well.



Conference Results

Ivy League Model United Nations Conference

Hosted by the University of Pennsylvania

January 24-30, 2005

Level: Advanced

GAVEL

James Danylik

Dennis Keen

Connor Rowe

OUTSTANDING

Victor Algaze

Aurelie Arsouze Hart

Calvin Cohen

Graison Gill

Charlotte Haigh

Sarah Hersman

Lillian Jacobs

Samantha Laufer

Sheila Loharuka

Samantha Ram

Garrett Shakstad

COMMENDATION

Alex "Thor" Bergjans

Samantha Broussard-Wilson

George Chen

Kevin Deemer

Julie McMillan

Ella Newman

Ashley Okada

Bryce Scanlan

Stephanie Thorpe

Rachel Togut

Aaron Winkler

VERBAL RECOGNITION

Christopher Colligan

Spencer Davis

Taylor Friedlander

Sarah Hirsch

Jessica Schmitt

Evan Thomas



Huntington Beach High School Conference

January 8 & 9, 2005

Level: Advanced

GAVEL

Calvin Cohen
 Lillian Jacobs
 Julie McMillan
 Bryce Scanlan
 Victoria Shure
 Ken Sofer
 Stephanie Thorpe

OUTSTANDING

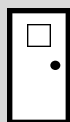
Victor Algaze
 Alex "Thor" Bergjans
 Sasha Campbell
 Sean Currey
 Kevin Deemer
 Bill Faturros
 Sarah Hirsch
 Samantha Ram
 Connor Rowe
 Alexander Saks
 Alice Segal
 Garrett Shakstad
 Poorvi Soni

COMMENDATION

George Chen
 Michelle Cohn
 James Danylik
 Erin Duralde
 Taylor Friedlander
 Rachel Hoesly
 Samantha Laufer
 Ashley Okada
 Jessica Schmitt
 Rachel Togut
 Emily Warren



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The true civilization is where every man gives to every other, every right that he claims for himself.

-Robert G. Ingersoll

Mustangs Take on the Ivy League*

Model U.N. flexed their brain muscles at the prestigious Ivy League competition at University of Penn. Over 1600 students and 105 schools attended the conference. The schools are some of the best in the country but that did not intimidate our students who took 17 individual awards and nabbed a second place school award with only three given.

Costa Cleans up at Surf City*

Costa takes 7 of 12 gavels at Huntington and Best School.

Mission Viejo

Conference results will be published in the next issue of the Gavel.

* See pages 3 & 4 for University of Penn. and Huntington Beach conference results.

Volunteer Update

No Need For A Stampede



Plenty of Positions Available For Our Parent Volunteers

There are 17 Model UN Booster Club positions to choose from for the 2005-2006 school year. In addition, parents can assist with the various chairs. We know how much our parents value Model UN, and we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to volunteer. Look for details in coming months, and be ready to sign-up!



"Looks like our Treasurer could use someone with accounting experience."

If You're Good With Numbers, Please Call Us!

Treasurer Susan Heisler could use help with the Model UN Booster Club books. If you have accounting experience, and are familiar with QuickBooks, it would be a greatly appreciated if you could contact Susan Heisler at 546-5394 or e-mail: SusanHeisler@adelphia.net. Or contact President Dolores Kreig at 546-9857. Don't wait. Your help is needed now!



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