

April 2008

**Coming Soon:**  
The MUN Year-End Banquet. Stay tuned for details via email and the *Gavel*.

**Travel Planning Complete for the 2007-08 School Year**  
The recent ASU trip marks the end of this year's conferences. It took a hard-working, persistent crew of parents to coordinate local travel as well as long-distance needs. Stephanie Ram booked the trips. Ellen Kubo handled student paperwork, school documentation and billing, with support from Pam Yarbrough and Karen Hirsch. The essential task of bill-paying was fulfilled by Ray Soll. Cheryl Burke made sure the required chaperones were on hand. The MUN Board extends a round of applause for this capable group.



# THE GAVEL

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**The kids are back from Berkeley and Arizona! Full results from these conferences will be presented in the next issue.**

## *Advisors' Message*

### “Adapt, Improvise and Overcome”

The current MUN year has been marked with achievements, and we wish to acknowledge the students and parents who have made it happen. Our program endures because our students have a sense of mission. That is, to strive to be the school by which others are measured. We attend one type of conference: those we will win. Our ability to be a committed team and win for each other allows us to surpass many other schools.

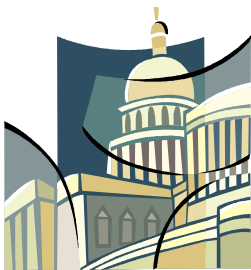
The only guarantee we have in life is adversity. Our debate creed—Adapt, Improvise and Overcome—may help many young people understand that concept. Adversity challenges us all at inopportune times. One's power and strength lie in being able to meet challenges large and small. Thanks for being part of MUN!

*--Bob Timberlake and Wayne Knutson*

## **Costa Team Finishes Strong at NAIMUN**

Thirty-eight students traveled to our nation's capital in February to compete at Georgetown University in the North American Invitational Model U.N. Conference. The MCHS contingent worked in pairs to represent three countries (France, Mexico and Belarus) in 14 committees. Their exemplary work resulted in finishing in second place out of 265 schools and also bringing home the award for Outstanding Large Delegation. The Georgetown conference is one of the most prestigious.

## Georgetown Results



### **GAVEL**

Katherine Schneider  
and Amanda Abel  
Greg Polinger and Cara Lowry  
Scott Comley and Heather Hedges  
Erin Harless and Will Hollingsworth  
Charlie Soll and Emily Gee  
Jimmy Burke

### **VERBAL RECOGNITION**

Allie Baeuchler and Zoe Bollinger  
Alan Hooper  
Matt Cohen

### **OUTSTANDING**

Kendall Waters and Celia Hubbard

### **COMMENDATION**

Emily Vaughn and Angelica Sedgwick  
Stacy Kim and Amanda Keenan  
Caitlin Yumori and Charlie Hoffman  
Brandon Westerberg  
and Jennifer Rosenthal  
Ari Hamilton and Nora Lewis  
Ted Gerike and Julie Hirsch  
Levi Stiffel  
Matt Lebow

# LAIMUN Results

## **BEST DELEGATE**

Wiley Davis  
Rachel Waters  
Jessie Somberg  
Abby Watkins  
Chloe Kojima  
Trevor Thorpe  
Amanda Blumenthal  
Allie Rosen  
Kate Hubbard  
Alex Davis  
Jaclyn Cravello  
Chris Bickel  
Erik Kreager  
Ari Adler  
Andy Deemer  
Alyssa Mattocks

## **OUTSTANDING**

Nicholas Zobel  
Julian Monk  
Alec Kane  
Jordan Martucci  
Casey Haaland  
Iktae Park

## **COMMENDATION**

Allan Chong  
Sasha Azze  
Selena Feliciano  
Ella Rosenfeld  
Alka Nath  
Charlie Manclark

## **Fundraising Update**

Thanks to Harriet Sustarsic, who has dedicated herself to corporate donations, the club received a \$10,000 donation from GUESS! In addition, MUN thanks the following for their generous contributions:

- David Laufer  
and Ellen Gleberman
- Anne Peters
- Boeing
- Kiwanis Club

## **Volunteers Make LAIMUN a Success**

Mira Costa's annual event, the Los Angeles Invitational MUN conference (LAIMUN), was held successfully for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Booster Club President Dolores Kreig extends thanks to the many volunteers and supporters of the event, including:

Barbara Umanoff, Penny Ford, Natalie Allen, Toby Brenner, Dorian Harris and others who worked in the hospitality room, snack stand and lunch lines; Beverly Umemoto who inaugurated the health respite room; William Hollingsworth II for providing printing services and banners; also Miyo Prassas and Ellen Kubo for making boutonnieres.

The club thanks photographer Mark Harmel who spent long hours capturing the excitement of LAIMUN on film and creating beautiful formal portraits of the secretariat and committee chairs. Also contributing to the event's success was the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation which donated \$5,000.

## Huntington Beach

## Conference Results



*Congratulations to the entire MCHS team for being named the Best Large Delegation at this advanced-level competition!*

### **GAVEL**

Zoe Bollinger  
Will Hollingsworth  
Stacy Kim

Lizzie Kubo Kirschenbaum  
Heather Hedges  
Chelsea Wells

### **OUTSTANDING**

Gabrielle Gold  
Harrison Gill  
Max Rhodes  
Alex Murad  
Emily Vaughn  
Ari Hamilton  
Max Votey

Katherine Schneider  
Erin Harless  
Alan Hooper  
Levi Stiffel  
David Curtis  
Patrick Dexter  
Austin Jones

### **COMMENDATION**

Jennifer Rosenthal  
Cara Lowry  
Kellen Kartub  
Jason Veris  
Matt Leung  
Amie Simmons  
Eileen Davis  
Jack Danylik  
Madeline Kreig  
Alex Seyferth  
Alex Adler

Matt Cohen  
Sean Yates  
John Burke  
Sara Ford  
Caitlin Yumori  
Jimmy Burke  
Nolan Caine  
Julie Hirsch  
Casey Harless  
Alice Campbell  
Heather Schiraldi  
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