

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Delegates,

Welcome to HAMUN 52! My name is Aiza Dada, and I am incredibly excited to be your chair for WHO this year.

I am currently a sophomore biology major in the honors college here at UH, and I plan to study politics and ethics with a minor in Phronesis. I first joined Model UN as a junior in high school, when I saw how much of a blast my friends were having. Since then, I've joined the collegiate Model Debate circuit and had the amazing opportunity to travel to New York, Washington D.C., and Philadelphia for conferences. Last year, I had the pleasure of serving as vice chair for CSW at HAMUN. Model UN has given me the opportunity to meet some incredible people, challenge the way I think, and become much more comfortable defending ideas under pressure.

I am especially excited to chair WHO because public health is one of those subjects that affects literally everyone, whether or not we spend much time thinking about it (and as a bio major, I'm always thinking about it). Both topics this year will force us to question: what happens when medical solutions exist, but the resources needed to provide them are not equally available? There will be no shortage of things for you all to disagree about, which, conveniently, is the entire point of committee.

My biggest piece of advice is to research your country, not just the topic. Think about funding, feasibility, and implementation. Also, please do not feel like you need to walk into committee knowing the entire global healthcare system by heart. Come prepared, speak even when you are nervous, listen to other delegates, and be willing to change your approach when somebody raises a point you had not considered. Some of the best moments in Model UN happen when a debate goes somewhere you never expected. Have fun with it, take risks, and enjoy the occasional chaos!

Best of luck, and please reach out with any questions!

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