

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Delegates,

My name is Phillip Tian and I'm a Junior Biochemistry/Biophysics major at the Honors College here at UH!

Last year, determined not to become the stereotypical lab-dwelling pre-med zombie, I went searching for non-medicine activities and stumbled into the world of Model Debate. With some persuasion from my dear friend (and fellow WHO Chair) Aiza, I ended up trying out for the traveling team here at UH! (*I was forced*). Through Model Debate, I've been able to go to places like Philadelphia, New York City, and Washington D.C. It's been an incredible experience so far. Last HAMUN, I had the pleasure of being the Vice Chair for IMO.

I'm thrilled to keep the ball rolling by serving as your G20 chair this year. The Group of Twenty (now 21) is the premier international forum for coordinating economic policy amongst developed and emerging economies. Given the current political landscape, economic policy is no longer just ambient noise. What happens in rooms like the G20 doesn't just stay there; It's embedded in our grocery bills, our job markets, our futures, and decisions made follow each and every one of us home.

Ultimately, I know not everyone is in love with economics, (heck I'm trying to become a doctor). However, I also know real growth happens when things get hard, and I have no doubt every one of you is ready for this challenge. Fair warning: this committee will be very research heavy. There's lots of jargon used in this space, and countries will hold sharply opposing stances on almost every issue, largely due to economic status.

A couple pieces of advice for this conference: preparation is your best friend! Knowing your stance and having a plan will help tremendously in easing your nerves. Think about potential problems that could arise during debate and get comfortable engaging with topics that challenge you. Last, and in my opinion the most important part: have fun! This is a time to step out of your comfort zone and meet new people; Enjoy it! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

I wish you all the best of luck, and I can't wait to see you next spring!

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