

MCKENDREE STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Frederking and His Students Make McKendree Model United Nations Successful

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As the advisor of the McKendree Model United Nations team, Doctor Frederking holds much responsibility. Not only does he help run the McKendree Model United Nations conference, he also prepares the college students for their two Model UN conferences.

At McKendree, Model UN is a half-credit, one semester class that meets once a week. Different from high school, the college-level students are not allowed to prepare resolutions before the conference. In order to prepare for their conferences, the class discusses policies of the countries assigned to them and brainstorms ways to talk about the topics in their resolutions. The students then write a five page paper

to ready themselves for the upcoming conference. Because the students are not able to write their resolutions beforehand, there is much more caucus time. At the beginning of the conference, the committees will decide what topics the delegates will write on and then the chair gives them caucus time to divide the regions and start writing their resolutions. Doctor Frederking commented on the difference in resolution writing saying,

"Instead of the high school process in which you choose one resolution out of the packet and sort of amend it along the way, at the college-level process, it's almost like you have four different working drafts and you have to come up with one. It's different because it allows for much more flexibility."

Frederking also says that the MCK MUN conference is a great recruiting tool for McKendree's Model UN program because they want it to be successful. By holding this conference, they can find potential delegates.

Another great thing about Doctor Frederking's job is that during the MCK MUN conference he has a very laid back position. The MCK MUN conference is a student run

organization and 95% of the decisions are made by the college students. The only thing he has to do is make sure everything runs smoothly and the school's advisors are happy.

Because college students run the conference, Frederking believes the college delegates have improved greatly. He feels because the college delegates get the experience as a chair for the high school conference, they perform better at their college conferences. He said that in most cases, in order to chair at this conference, they had to have participated in a

college conference. Frederking also states, "It goes in the other direction as well. The reason we started going to college conferences was to better this conference. There really has been some synergy because students have the college-level experience they can be better chairs for the high school conference.

The success of the MCK MUN conference directly correlates to the leadership of Doctor Frederking and the dedication of the college students. Without them, the conference would not be as superior as it is today.



Dr. Frederking Opens
the Awards Ceremony

Catching Up with Amanda Ataiyan

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While Model United Nations takes up about two weeks of a delegate's life, for the Secretary General it is a yearlong affair. Amanda Ataiyan acted as the McKendree MUN Secretary General for the previous two years. Now, she is preparing to return to college for her MBA, but she still remembers her time in Model UN. When asked what her favorite part was, she said it was working with so many different and helpful people. As Secretary General she literally had a hand in almost everything. All the chairs worked under her and all the behind-the-scenes tasks were her responsibility to delegate. Additionally, as a chair for teenagers, she learned the importance of creating an environment both fun and serious in order to encourage them to come back. She said it gave her the skill of making those under her do tasks they otherwise would not appreciate. Overall, Amanda felt Model UN gave her a variety of skills necessary for adult life, such as team work and management. As she is going into business, it seems like the role of Secretary General paid off

for her. Though, the MUN left her with more than just skills, it left her with memories. It definitely molded her view of high school students. She said, "I don't think that people give them credit for that a lot of times because they're high school students so people think they're stupid when they're not. They're very intelligent people, and they say important things about the world. Listening to high school students talk about global issues is sort of interesting because listening to grownups talk about it at Walmart is totally different, way less educated." Amanda greatly enjoyed her time in MUN as a delegate, a chair, and a secretary general, although she is glad to be done with all the emailing.