

That Was Then, This is Now

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Gabriela: Both Logan and myself have participated in Model United Nations at McKendree University all four years of our high school careers. Here are our stories and what we've noticed about McK MUN over this time period.

Gabriela: I joined Model UN my freshman year not knowing what it was. I was lured in by the promise of a fun trip to Chicago if I proved myself at the McK MUN fall conference. I was a timid freshman in the Economic and Social Committee, but I got up the nerve to speak. My advisor was impressed with me, so I went to the University of Chicago's conference, MUNUC, where I stayed in the beautiful Palmer House Hilton just like they had promised I would. When our original advisor abandoned us, we stopped going to MUNUC, but I have continued on with McK MUN. I have participated in ECOSOC, Third Social, Sixth Legal, Science and Technology, the General Assembly, and now, the International Press Delegation, where I sit in on the Security Council. I

have been recognized as both a superior and an outstanding delegate. I don't anticipate participating in Model UN in college, but, then again, I didn't plan to in high school, either.

Logan: In 8th grade, I joined my school's Model United Nations club because of the mystery of it all. I wondered how this international committee would work, and by joining Model UN my eyes were opened to how the world's great powers keep peace with each other. McK MUN proved to be much more fun and realistic than middle school, so I kept at it for all four years of high school. I never stayed in the same committee for spring and fall conference, so I have experienced nearly all of the different committees at McKendree. Each committee has its subtle differences, and each has its own sense of humor, from buzzwords to funny chairs. I plan on continuing Model UN in college, and I hope Model UN in college can be just as fun as at McKendree.

Gabriela: Over the years, both of us have grown up a bit, and so has McK MUN. For one, the Secretary-General has changed from Amanda Ataiyan to Benjamin Pollard. Ms. Ataiyan was an incredibly organized, dedicated Secretary-

General. We don't know quite where Mr. Pollard will take the Model UN program, but he's already made some obvious changes to the problem. Working with Darren Meeker, the head editor, he has started the International Press Delegation, a sort of unconventional committee that writes articles about the happenings of the conference. Also, while it seems trivial, the dining hall has been revamped, something that excited us and just about everyone else who is involved in the program.

Logan: Model UN at McKendree has had a great new change with the addition of the International Press Delegation, and there are numerous plans for expansions to the program. Eventually, Mr. Meeker plans to be able to sponsor student-led press conferences and press releases and print news articles written by the IPD to be distributed to all committees. Mr. Meeker hopes to bring in new members to McK MUN through this program, and this goal has worked so far. The future looks bright for McK MUN and the IPD.