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Hello everyone

My name is Avilash Jayakumar (he/him) and I'm so excited to be this year's Director for the Commission on Science and Technology for Development during session I.

I'm currently a second year student at Columbia hoping to major in Applied Physics. My passion lies in climate action, sustainability, and the energy transition, so I'm super passionate about the potential for science and innovation to address critical global challenges. I'm originally from Greater Boston though I moved to the Houston area as a teenager. During my down time, I like to read, listen to podcasts, root for the Pats and Celtics, bike when it's not too cold, and, being a bit of an urban studies nerd, go on side quests exploring and blogging about New York City.

I began Model United Nations while in middle school and led a regional conference in Greater Houston while in high school. Wanting to continue in college, I joined NHSMUN as an Assistant Director last year (for FAO Session 1) and am looking forward to continuing this year as a Director.

I hope your time at NHSMUN offers you the same opportunity to grow as a negotiator, researcher, debater, and global citizen as it has for me. You will be surrounded by young people from all over the world, so take pride in being part of a truly international event and make sure to have fun while you're at it! I'm also happy to address any questions or simply say hello.

Best of luck with preparation!

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Hello Delegates!

Welcome to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) at NHSMUN 2026! My name is Mika Swanson and I will serve as your Director for Session II. I am so excited to guide you through this incredible experience.

I have been involved with Model UN since my freshman year of high school where I fell in love with the program. From the extensive research skills to the ability to publicly speak with confidence, MUN has given me skills that will and have carried on to my professional life in such an impactful way. It's also made me more engaged in the world around me and broadened my horizons. Not to mention the best friends I made and all the places it took me along the way. While I am no longer competing, NHSMUN has given me the opportunity to keep pursuing this passion of mine while sharing it with all of you!

Despite originally being from California, I am currently in my second year at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston studying architecture. I am also on the women's varsity volleyball team for my school! When I am not balancing architecture and being a collegiate athlete, I love film and concerts. In fact by the time you read this I will have been to 3 since writing this! I'm pretty much into any genre but some of my favorite artists are Adela, Mac Miller, and Dominic Fike. Fun fact I am also a dual citizen with passports from the United States and Sweden.

Together, my co-director and I, have curated a Background Guide for you on both topics to provide you with some initial insight to the two topics at hand. Both issues are highly relevant to the landscape of today and will have repercussions for generations to come. Therefore, I encourage you to light your curiosity and dig deep into these topics with an open mind. I can not wait to see you all in committee and hear what your adventures in research have to offer! NHSMUN was truly an unforgettable experience that will live with me forever and I hope you are just as excited as I am. Feel free to reach out with any questions that may come your way!

See you soon!

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