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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to NHSMUN 2027! My name is Mirabelle (Ella) Kruger, and I am honored to serve as the Session I Director of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC). Whether this is your first Model UN conference or your tenth, I hope the committee challenges you to think critically, collaborate with others, and enjoy the experience. NHSMUN has been one of the most rewarding parts of my Model UN journey, and I hope this conference is just as memorable for all of you.

I am currently an undergraduate at the University of California, Davis, where I study psychology and international relations with minors in education and sociology. Alongside my studies, I am also a member of Air Force ROTC. Outside of academics and Model UN, I work as a substitute teacher and have had the opportunity to work in victim services through the Yolo County District Attorney's Office and the Davis Police Department. When I am not studying or preparing for a conference, you will probably find me camping, traveling, watching ridiculous reality TV, or playing music.

I have participated in Model United Nations for several years as both a delegate and conference staff member. I previously served as an Assistant Director for NHSMUN's United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and as a committee chair at my university's Davis Model United Nations Conference (DMUNC). Some of my favorite Model UN memories have come from conversations between sessions, unexpected compromises during negotiations, and friendships that continue long after the conference ends.

This year, DISEC will examine two issues at the forefront of international security. Our first topic explores the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons, a challenge that fuels conflict, organized crime, terrorism, and instability around the world. Our second topic examines how the international community can prevent non-state actors from acquiring advanced weapons as rapidly developing technologies reshape modern warfare and global security. As you prepare, I encourage you to go beyond memorizing your country's policies. The strongest delegates are not always the ones who speak the most, but those who listen carefully, think critically, and work collaboratively to develop practical solutions.

Most importantly, remember to enjoy the experience. Model UN is about much more than resolutions or awards; it is an opportunity to challenge yourself, meet incredible people, and gain new perspectives. I encourage you to reach out if you have any questions. Here's to an incredible weekend—and probably a little too much coffee on my end.

Best,

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Dear Delegates,

My name is Beckham Jolley, and I am thrilled to welcome you to the Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) at the National High School Model United Nations Conference (NHSMUN) 2027. Both Topic A and Topic B were chosen with relevance and engaging debate in mind. My Co-Director, Mirabelle Kruger, and I have been so excited to prepare this background guide to help delegates be ready and prepared for debate in March.

MUN has been a major part of my academic life. At Huntington Beach High School I competed in MUN for all four years. I got the chance to debate internationally and at NHSMUN as a delegate in UNESCO. I am now a sophomore at Golden West College where I study business administration with a focus in finance and management. I have worked at NHSMUN for two years now. It has been wonderful to guide delegates as well as make connections with my fellow staff.

I am a part of the Campus Engagement Committee and the Publicity Committee. Here, I exercise my passion for community building and peer support. I am also a part of my school's business club. Apart from academics, I played water polo in high school and coached youth water polo (I played Center). I was also on the swim team for all four years of high school where I swam freestyle.

In my free time, I love to exercise and hike when possible! My favorite activities are lifting weights, short-distance running, and swimming. I was born and raised in Southern California, and love going to the beach. I also like hanging out with friends, getting expensive coffee, and playing board games. I love eating new food (NYC pizza) and traveling which makes me so excited for NHSMUN 2027. Mirabelle and I are so excited to welcome you to New York City!

Mirabelle and I have worked hard to prepare and to present delegates with two of the world's most pressing issues. Topic A: Illicit Trade of Small Arms and Light Weapons and Topic B: Preventing Non-State Actors from Acquiring Advanced Weapons have been selected because of their relevance to regional instability. These topics contain specific problems that are necessary to know to make a path forward.

We want delegates to thoroughly explore these topics to not only be ready for debate, but to better understand the issues that our world is facing. It is our goal to create an environment of fulfilling and productive debate. It is our expectation that delegates treat each other with respect, integrity and patience. We are so excited to see what kind of creative and innovative solutions that delegates will bring to debate. With lots of time to prepare for debate we cannot wait to see all the hard work delegates put in.

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