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Dear Delegates,

I hope you are all as excited as I am for NHSMUN 2027! My name is Grace Lee, and I am honored to serve as your Session 1 FAO Director. I am incredibly excited to hear your research, solutions, and unique perspectives throughout the conference.

I am currently a sophomore at the University of California, Davis, majoring in animal biology on the pre-veterinary track. I hope to pursue a career as a veterinary surgeon specializing in tissue reconstruction. I also work in two research labs associated with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, where I contribute to research involving topics such as Alzheimer's disease and equine diseases.

I have been a part of MUN since high school, competing at conferences hosted by universities including USC, UCLA, UCSD, and UCI. Last year, I served as a vice chair for a crisis committee at UC Davis MUN. This is my first year on NHSMUN staff, and I am incredibly excited to be here!

This past summer, I spent over two weeks in Costa Rica participating in sea turtle research and conservation. The experience strengthened my interest in global environmental issues and showed me how challenges involving animals, agriculture, and the environment directly affect communities around the world.

These experiences have given me a personal connection to our FAO topics. Protecting the World's Pollinators will explore issues such as climate change, pesticide use, and habitat loss, while Desertification and Food Security will examine the relationship between environmental degradation, agriculture, and access to food. These are not simply topics on paper; they are real challenges affecting people and ecosystems across the globe.

Throughout the committee, I expect everyone to treat one another with respect, kindness, and professionalism. At the same time, I want to see your creativity, individual personality, and passion come through in debate.

Whether this is your first committee or you are a seasoned delegate, I encourage you to challenge yourself, speak confidently, and enjoy the experience. I know how much preparation and hard work MUN requires, but I promise it is worth it.

I wish you all the best of luck, and please never hesitate to reach out. I cannot wait to meet you all at NHSMUN 2027!

Best,

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Hey everyone!

My name is Daniel Baselews, and I am super excited to be the Director of FAO Session II at this year's NHSMUN! I started MUN as a freshman in high school and have been immersed in it ever since. Now, as a sophomore in college, it is really exciting to have the opportunity to be on the other side of the committee and help create the same kind of experience that made me enjoy MUN in the first place.

I currently attend UCLA, where I am majoring in business economics. Outside of school and MUN, I love going to the gym, playing spikeball with friends, dabbling in the occasional TV show or movie, and serving customers at the best food establishment: In-N-Out Burger. I was originally born in Egypt, but I moved to California when I was five years old and have stayed here ever since. MUN has been an important part of my life over the past several years. Some of my favorite memories have come from conferences, whether they were meeting new people, competing in committee, or just those fun moments outside of debate.

In terms of FAO, I am really looking forward to debating both of our topics. There are so many different directions that the committee can go, and I am especially eager to hear the creative solutions and ideas that all of you bring. One of my favorite parts of MUN is that there is rarely only one way to approach a problem. Every country enters a committee with different resources, priorities, and concerns, which means that the most interesting solutions usually come when delegates are willing to think beyond the most obvious answers. Do not be afraid to introduce an idea that is different or take the committee in a direction that no one expected.

Most of all, I want everyone to put themselves out there and enjoy the time we have together. Whether this is your first time public speaking, your first MUN conference, or your last committee before graduating, I hope you make the most of it. You do not need to give the perfect speech every time you raise your placard. Speak, meet other delegates, contribute during caucuses, and be willing to take risks. MUN is much more fun when everyone feels comfortable participating rather than waiting for the "perfect" moment to say something. I also understand that debate can sometimes slow down, especially after several hours in committee. Keeping it lively is something that all of us contribute to. If everyone commits to participating, we can create a committee that feels energetic rather than repetitive.

Finally, please never hesitate to reach out to me with questions before the conference. Whether you are confused about a topic, unsure about committee procedure, or just want advice going into NHSMUN, I am more than happy to help. Come ready to debate, be creative, meet new people, and most importantly, have fun.

Best regards,

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