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Dear Delegates,

My name is Madhurum (Maddie) Bhuvan, and I am so excited to serve as your Director for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) committee! Founded on the belief that peace must be built through the intellectual and moral solidarity of humankind, UNESCO works at the intersection of education, science, and culture, the three things that most shape who we become. I cannot wait to see the ideas you bring to Session 1.

I am a junior at the University of California, Berkeley, studying Business Administration, Cognitive Science, and Data Science. My MUN story began in fifth grade, when I was hired to pass notes at Harvard Model United Nations India. Observing high-schoolers debate about issues I had never heard of, and realizing how important those conversations were to real people's everyday lives, sparked a ten-year obsession.

I went on to compete at more than twenty conferences across the United States and served as president of my high school's MUN club. Today I am a member of UC Berkeley's Model United Nations team. After graduation, I plan to work in product management or technical strategy before moving into social entrepreneurship.

This is my first year on NHSMUN staff, but I attended the conference in 2023 as a delegate in the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). My dual delegate and I were very grateful to receive the Outstanding Delegate award, but the best thing I got out of it was actually a lasting relationship with my director! We are still in touch four years later, and we grabbed coffee together just a few months ago. That relationship is the reason I wanted to be on the other side of the dais. IMUNA staffers do not just run committees, they end up mattering to the delegates long after the gavel drops, and I hope to be that for at least one of you.

Outside of MUN, I love to dance, sing, and play the drums. I also consider myself a boba and matcha connoisseur. I cannot wait to try all of the new cafes that have popped up in New York since I last visited!

Our two topics ask what UNESCO's tools, education, science, and cultural exchange, can actually accomplish against problems most people think of as infrastructure or budget problems. Both topics will ask you to research deeply, negotiate across competing interests, and propose solutions that could survive contact with the real world. Please reach out anytime with questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Best Regards,

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Dear Delegates,

My name is Grace Wu, your Director for the 2027 National High School Model United Nations Conference, and I'm beyond excited to welcome you to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) committee! This year's topics sit at the intersection of policy, culture, and education, subjects every one of you has lived some version of, and I cannot wait to see what that perspective brings to the committee floor.

I am an undergraduate student at Rutgers University, double majoring in Finance and Business Analytics & Information Technology, with a minor in Linguistics. I was born and raised in China, spent my early childhood in Nairobi, Kenya, and later moved to the United States at the age of 17 to pursue further education. Having been exposed to such diverse cultures and educational systems, I developed a strong interest in public speaking and cross-cultural communication, which turned into a sustained commitment to Model United Nations in college. I currently serve as the Director of Communications for my collegiate MUN club, and Senior Chair for its annual MUN conference. Outside of MUN, I love snowboarding, listening to music, cooking, and traveling. After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in finance.

This is my second year as part of the NHSMUN staff. Last year, I served as an Assistant Director in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL) in NHSMUN 2026. It has truly been a great privilege to work with International Model United Nations Association (IMUNA), where I have met some of the most passionate, intelligent, and genuine individuals throughout not only my MUN journey, but in my adulthood as well. It has given me so much that I could not help but come back for another year. I enjoyed this experience deeply, and I hope it will be the same for you. My fellow staff members and I have put in our best effort to make this an unforgettable experience for you.

The two topics at hand sit at the crossroads of some of the most pressing challenges facing the international community today, one rooted in the equitable management of a resource growing scarcer by the year, and the other in the wellbeing of the profession that quietly sustains every other goal we hope to achieve. Both will ask you to think critically, negotiate across competing interests, and bring the creativity that comes from genuinely engaging with the materials.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting each of you soon!

Best Regards,

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