WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

Our alternative Model UN conferences are events that use the modern consultative process of the United Nations instead of replicating the UN General Assembly. Students debate international issues as representatives of relevant national, international or non-governmental bodies to relate global issues with problems close to home.

Our MUN Conference on the Rule of Law 2017 focuses on public Confidence and Trust in those who have been entrusted with upholding the law. Students debate how the Rule of Law framework applies to global maintenance or “enforcement” issues abroad and at home. Students will debate the cultural and structural issues that promote or hinder the Rule of Law framework. They tackle and discuss multilayered problems like equality before the law, professional cultures and practices, handling of discretionary power, oversight and societal developments of what’s right and wrong.

We also carry this message of commitment to the next level and construct the Model UN conference as a plenary platform to formulate petitions and demands, translating knowledge into civic engagement, the soul of true democracy.

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As a chapter of the UNA-USA, the United Nations Associations of Greater Philadelphia is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to enhancing global citizenship in our community.

UNA-GP is an advocate.
We are an organization that advocates human rights and the UN mission for peace and global development. We embody the mantra, "think and act globally, think and act locally." We express our representatives to work diligently and constructively with the UN system.

UNA-GP is an educator.
We educate towards global citizenship by reaching out to students and teachers and by developing programs and giving lectures. Our first Model UN Conference on the Rule of Law at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania was held on March 2, 2013. High school students from six schools debated and critiqued the Rule of Law from the perspective of different non-governmental organizations, formulating a resolution that a delegation from their peers presented to the World Justice Project in Washington D.C. Since then, we have held conferences on "The Use of Social Media" and "Incarceration Practices." This year we focus on those in charge of maintaining, controlling, or enforcing the rule of law, especially on the issue of Public Confidence in Police and Justice.

What IS the RULE OF LAW?

"For the United Nations, the rule of law refers to a principle of governance which all persons, institutions, and entities public and private, including the state itself, are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced, and independently adjudicated, and which are consistent with international human rights norms and standards."
-United Nations Representative

In our conference, we make substantial use of the Rule of Law Index created by the World Justice Project. Delegates will use this as a springboard into issues such as fundamental policing and judiciary professionalism.
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What WILL YOU BE DOING?

What will the students do?
From the outset, students will research the topic of policing with guiding research questions. UNA-GP, mainly college students from the University of Pennsylvania, will prepare and deliver lesson plans on the topic which will provide information and knowledge intended to help students during the conference. The students will then be guided to discuss amongst themselves and directed to conduct policy-oriented research on particular US states assigned to them in order to be informed about the positions they have taken. This information will assist students in representing these states’ policies in order to eventually create a resolution on the particular problems the country is facing in regards to policing to enforce the law, rising police brutality, and mistrust between law enforcement and the communities which they serve.

What will the teachers do?
Teachers will serve as a bridge between their students and the UNA-GP. They can teach and personalize lesson plans from the UNA-GP and promote the conference. UNA-GP hopes to provide teachers with tools and information for globalizing their professional career perspectives.