

Harvard Model Congress Boston 2024

Dear Media Delegates:

Welcome to HMC Boston 2024! Our names are Aissatou, Alex, and Anna, and we're excited to be your staffers for the Media Committee. First, here's a little information about ourselves:

Alexandra is a senior planning on concentrating in Applied Math/Economics. In her free time, she volunteers, cooks, and watches sports. She is really excited to be on the Media Committee this year because she's involved in a few student publications, and is interested in journalism. Alex is looking forward to helping students learn more about the democratic process; she hopes the experience is similarly rewarding for all of you!

Aissatou is a junior in Mather House studying History and Literature and Computer Science. She's from Brooklyn, New York and is passionate about art, technology, and literature. Outside of the classroom Aissatou can be found working on a tech media startup and peer counseling fellow Harvard students. She's looking forward to meeting you all!

Anna is a sophomore in Leverett House studying Psychology and Economics. She is from Los Angeles, California but was originally from Russia. She is passionate about art and business. Outside of school, Anna loves to go out with friends, indulge in a movie and spa day, and make digital content. She hopes that all of you have an amazing experience and get to know each other really well!

Fiona is a second year student in Lowell House studying Economics with a secondary in Psychology. She is from San Francisco, California and is passionate about social change, public health, and political advocacy. In her free time, she enjoys finding new restaraunts with her friends, binge watching Netflix Original shows, and taking hot pilates classes.

Jessica is a junior in Dunster House studying Applied Mathematics and Environmental Engineering. She's from Ventura County, California and is passionate about sustainability, entrepreneurship, and fashion. Outside the classroom, Jessica likes to go

thrifting, soak up the sun, and hang out with friends. She's super excited for HMC and to meet everyone!

In the Media Committee, you will have the opportunity to view the conference from a journalistic perspective. You'll get a taste of different types of reporting and writing — breaking news, interviews, long form, editorials, and more. You'll have the opportunity to make an impact both within the committee and on the overall conference! As a Media reporter, you will sit in on various committee sessions, conduct interviews and write articles that will be published online for conference members to read. Throughout the conference, you'll be keeping track of the various events taking place within the House, Senate and Special Programs — whether they be bills, debates, or crises — and writing about what you find. You'll realize the crucial role the media plays in politics and why unbiased inquiry is so important.

Prior to the conference, you should make a habit of reading news articles. It will be helpful to have a sense of current events and journalistic writing before you go into the conference. Take note of what techniques and writing styles reporters use, what makes an article effective and where they may fall short. In just a few months you'll be writing pieces like these yourself!

As your staffers we hope to provide an experience that is as challenging as it is fun. We look forward to reading your pre-conference assignments and we are so excited to meet you all at HMC Boston this year!

All the best,

Aissatou, Alex, Anna, and Fiona Media Staffers Harvard Model Congress 2024