



# Harvard Model Congress

## Boston 2024

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress Boston! Our names are Raenah Lindsey, Dev Ahuja, Laiba Khan, Ayah Hamed, and Kritika Nagappa, and we'll be chairing the Presidential Cabinet this year. We can't wait until February when we get to meet you all!

While the President of the United States is knowledgeable about all topics within the U.S. government's purview, they may not always know the in's-and-out's of the structures, policies, and procedures of each governmental branch. Since this knowledge is critical to helping the President make informed decisions on how best to lead the country, a Cabinet of experts was created. Its members constitute a coalition of heads of several governmental agencies as well as key presidential advisors who can speak on a multitude of issues affecting American lives. The Cabinet includes the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs. Oftentimes, these positions are appointed by the President themselves, so they serve not only to advise the President on important matters relating to their field of expertise, but also to lead their respective departments with agendas that align with that of the sitting President.

As members of this Presidential Cabinet, you are considered the experts on your respective branches of government and as such, you will be expected to represent the needs and interests of your departments in decisions on U.S. domestic and foreign policy initiatives. This means you will need to be ready to absorb information quickly, think on your feet, and make fast-yet-informed recommendations to the President on what actions should be taken and when.

Now, a little bit about us:

**Dev** is a first-year from Cleveland, Ohio, interested in Government and Economics. Beyond HMC, Dev works with the Institute of Politics (IOP) and Harvard Dharma. In his free time, Dev loves watching movies and shows, trying new restaurants and finding coffee shops, solving and making crossword puzzles, and doing photography. He is very excited to welcome you all to HMC Boston this February!

**Raenah** is a senior from Michigan living in Cabot House! As a proud Michigander, Raenah loves spending time outdoors exercising, reading, and admiring sunsets. Both inside and outside the classroom, she is an avid student of political philosophy. In addition to staffing HMC (for the fourth year in a row!), Raenah has spent her time at Harvard mentoring youth through the Phillips Brooks House Association and

volunteering with the Institute of Politics. She is beyond excited to get to know all of you in committee and to witness the fun and joy you're bound to experience at HMC Boston :)

**Kritika** is a sophomore from Princeton, New Jersey, studying Economics. As an avid Model Congress and Model UN delegate in high school, it was only natural that she continued these passions in college! Aside from HMC, on campus, Kritika is a Senior Editor with the Harvard Political Review, an associate with Harvard Consulting on Business and the Environment, and a part of the Harvard Public Opinion Project. In her free time, Kritika also enjoys dancing and performing with Harvard Ghungroo, Harvard's South Asian Association's cultural show.

**Laiba** is a junior from Brooklyn, New York studying Philosophy. This is her second time staffing HMC Boston and she is Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion for HMC Middle East. Outside of the conference, Laiba works on the Harvard Honor Council, is on the board of the Pakistani Student Association and volunteers at an immigration office. In her free time, she loves to find new coffee spots, binge Netflix shows and vibe with friends. She is very excited to welcome and meet you all this February at HMC Boston!

**Ayah** is a sophomore from St. Louis, MO studying Integrative Biology with a secondary in African American Studies. She was a part of her high school's St. Louis Model United Nations club. At Harvard, she is involved in PBHA's Strong Women Strong Girls and Harvard's Medical Brigades. In her free time, she loves to shop online and go on brunch dates with her friends.

We're SO excited to see you all soon!

All the best,

Your PresCab Chairs