



Harvard Model Congress

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Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress and welcome to the Supreme Court! Our names are Esther, Aarna, Madeline, Lauren, Logan, and Nabila, and we are excited to be your Chief Justices!

Logan is a senior at Harvard pursuing a degree in Social Studies, a secondary in Mind/Brain/Behavior, and a language citation in Spanish. Originally from Mississippi, he is also the President of Harvard Model Congress Europe. Outside of HMC, Logan is pursuing social policy research in Portugal and Spain as an Undergraduate Associate of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and the Center for European Studies. He loves listening to philosophy podcasts on walks along the Charles River, reading the classics, and lifting weights.

Lauren is a third year at Harvard studying History and Literature. She is from Rockville, Maryland and lives in Quincy House. On campus, she serves as a civics instructor and citizenship tutor with the Harvard Institute of Politics. She is endlessly passionate about the activist implications of artwork and serves as the producer of the Lowell House Opera. She recently served as the director of the Equal Rights Amendment Centennial convention, and previously worked as the National Policy Director for Generation Ratify. In her free time, she performs stand up comedy, writes satirical journalism and creates sketch comedy. She looks forward to meeting you!

Aarna is a first year at Harvard originally from Richmond, Virginia. She is so excited to join HMC this year as a junior staffer! Outside of Model Congress, Aarna is involved with the Model UN groups on campus, Harvard Review of Philosophy, Small Claims Advisory Council, and Institute of Politics. In her free time, you can find her exploring around town with friends, trying new cuisines, or going on walks by the river. Aarna can't wait to meet all the delegates and contribute to another wonderful iteration of HMC!

Esther is a sophomore at Harvard studying Sociology with a language citation in Spanish. She is originally from Potomac, Maryland, and now lives in Adams House. This is her first time participating in HMC, and she's very excited to join! Outside of HMC, Esther enjoys teaching as part of CIVICS and playing classical music for the on-campus radio, WHRB.

Nabila is a senior staffer and a junior at the college. She is currently living in Eliot House but is originally from Detroit, Michigan. You can find her getting lost in examining existential questions of our present reality or working on gender equity at the Harvard College Women's Center. Questions like the morality of crime and punishment,

the creation of race, and ethics have drawn her to the Philosophy concentration. This will be Nabila's third year staffing HMC and she is currently on the Executive Board as Faculty Liaison for Harvard Model Congress Middle East in Dubai! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Madeline ('27) is a junior staffer from Fort Wayne, Indiana. She plans on studying Sociology and Studio Arts, and she lives in Wigglesworth. Outside of HMC, she volunteers in the Harvard Undergraduate Legal Committee and CIVICS, a program that teaches 5th graders about civics and government. She is a Radcliffe Research Partner working under Alia Farid, creating an artist book and multimedia exhibition about the southern marshes of Iraq. In her free time, she listens to jazz and loves to paint.

We are living in a time of intense scrutiny towards the courts: questions of partisanship on the bench, legitimacy of decisions, and the future of previously recognized rights circulate in the media and personal discussions. Yet at the same time, disenfranchised populations continue to look to the Supreme Court from oppression, just as they have in the past. Many of the rights we take for granted have their roots in litigation argued before the Supreme Court. As such, this court's justices have historically wielded immense power, and the jurists that argue before them shoulder a tremendous responsibility. In this committee, we hope to allow you to answer some of the questions that have confronted, will confront, or could confront the court through simulating its functioning and handling of constitutional issues.

To prepare for your work on the Supreme Court, you should read each case thoroughly and devise arguments supporting all sides. You should outline the important constitutional questions and anticipate your opposition's arguments. At the conference, you'll be making these arguments to your peers and us—and you'll also be answering questions from the Justices as you argue, just like the real Supreme Court.

HMC is also an excellent opportunity to meet new people and challenge yourself. The Supreme Court is our favorite committee, and we're looking forward to engaging with you on so many intriguing and pressing issues.

See you soon!

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