



# Harvard Model Congress

## Boston 2024

### Senate Commerce, Science, and Technology Committee

Dear Senators,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! We are excited to have you on the Senate Commerce, Science, and Technology Committee. Our names are Conrad Hock, Yana Hubyak, Cameron Reckard, Salma Boukouj, and Jahir Tineo Castillo, and we will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

Together we will tackle topics pertaining to the ethics and implementation of gene-editing technologies as well as disparities in access to the internet and other technologies. As your chairs, we want to foster an environment of learning for you to interact, brainstorm, and debate with us and your fellow delegates to further explore the legislative process. Civic engagement is something HMC is very passionate about, and we are thrilled about your interest in it. We can't wait to see the solutions you bring to the table about these issues.

As you look to prepare for the conference, we suggest that you read the briefings thoroughly and consider possible debate topics that may arise during the conference. Consider how your senator would respond to the various issues addressed in the briefing, as well as how they would best collaborate with other senators. And most importantly, have fun!

A bit about the five of us:

**Cameron** is a first year student at Harvard planning to concentrate in Economics with a secondary in Statistics. While originally from the town of Sheridan, Wyoming, Cameron has always been a fan of city life, and has been loving being in a more urban environment. This is his first year in HMC, and he is excited to continue to explore the world of Model Congress during his time at Harvard. When not working on homework, you'll find him laughing with friends or watching his favorite Netflix shows.

**Salma** is a first year at Harvard College planning to study Government with a citation in Arabic. She is Moroccan-American, born and raised in Cambridge, MA. On campus, Salma is part of the Institute of Politics, Harvard Model Congress, the Palestine Solidarity Committee, and plans to further her involvement in other organizations. She is passionate about advocacy for marginalized groups, educational equity, and political representation. She is looking forward to staffing her first HMC Conference this year!

**Yana** is a senior in Eliot house and is concentrating in Applied Mathematics and Linguistics. She is from Stamford, CT, yes like the city in the office. Outside of HMC she is involved in the Harvard Linguistics Society and two Dancing Troupes. In her free time she loves doing the daily mini crosswords and sudokus



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and watching Love Island/ Single's Inferno with her roommate. She is beyond excited to meet all of you and work with you this year at HMC Boston.

**Conrad** is a senior at Harvard College, concentrating in Molecular & Cellular Biology with a secondary in Statistics. He is originally from Boston, Massachusetts. Outside of class, he researches epigenetic regulation of gene expression and works with Y2Y, a student-run youth homeless shelter. In his free time, he enjoys reading science fiction, playing soccer and volleyball, and spending time outside with friends.

**Jahir** is a freshman at Harvard College from Brockton, Massachusetts. He is planning on concentrating in Government with a secondary in Economics. Jahir has experience in advocating for positive reform at the local and state level like the Massachusetts Driver's License Bill and Safe Communities Act. He also has experience in equity, diversity, and inclusion both in academics and professional fields. On campus he is part of Black Men's Forum, Black Student Association, and the Carribean Club. Outside of academics he is passionate about poetry, bike riding, and learning new languages.

We are so excited to meet you all in Boston in February!! If you have any questions before the conference, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,

Conrad Hock, Tieri Rigamoto, Cameron Reckard, Salma Boukouj, and Jahir Tineo Castillo