



Harvard Model Congress

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Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee

Dear Senators,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! We are so excited to welcome you to Harvard Model Congress Boston and the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee! Our names are Kaitlyn Tran, Delaney Lyons, Justis Gordon, and Sofiyat Bello, and we will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

As members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee you will be engaging, debating, and collaborating with one another in committee to create bipartisan solutions to a wide swath of topics related to these aforementioned issues. This year, we will be focusing on Mental Health in K-12 Education and Early Childhood Education.

We encourage all of you to thoroughly research your senator's role by examining their past voting history, supported policies, and career experience related to education funding and health considerations. Remember to actively engage with multiple perspectives during the debate, acknowledging the diverse viewpoints on these critical issues. Think about how you can collaborate with fellow delegates to bridge any differences in opinions and collectively advance legislation addressing the root causes outlined in our briefings. Finally, remember the importance of civic collaboration, recognizing that working together is key to developing impactful solutions. Most importantly, enjoy the experience; this conference provides a valuable platform to discuss and debate some of the most pressing issues affecting our country today.

As your chairs, we hope to create an environment in which you, as delegates, can interact and debate with other members of the committee, explore the legislative process and encounter solutions to the problems that have been put before you.

A quick introduction to each of us:

Kaitlyn is a sophomore in Currier House studying Government and English. She calls St. Louis, Missouri, home and will proudly rep the Midwest any day. Beyond HMC, Kaitlyn is passionate about refugee rights, intersectional activism, and foreign policy and would love to grab a cup of coffee and discuss any of these topics. Kaitlyn worked as a junior staffer for HMC last year and is beyond excited to return as a senior staffer!

Delaney is a senior in Currier House double concentrating in Economics and Government. This is her fourth and final year with HMC. Outside of HMC, Delaney is a student analyst with the



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Harvard Behavioral Strategy Group and a volunteer with the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter. For fun, she enjoys hiking, skiing, spending time with friends, and reading a good book.

Justis is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. She is currently a senior at Harvard studying Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology along with Health Policy. Beyond HMC, Justis is involved in the Harvard Emerging Leaders Program, Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, and tutoring at Harvard. In her free time, Justis enjoys hiking, reading, and baking.

Sofiyat is a Junior Staffer and a first-year in Harvard College with a prospective concentration in Neuroscience and Computer Science. This is her first time staffing the HMC Boston conference, so this will be a pilot experience for her! Outside of HMC, Sofiyat is a member of the Harvard Band's Color Guard, Nigerian Students Association, and Society of Black Scientists and Engineers. She enjoys nature walks, K-dramas, and philosophical talks—Epictetus is a personal fave!

We look forward to meeting you in February! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,
Kaitlyn Tran, Yana Hubyak, Delaney Lyons, Justis Gordon, and Sofiyat Bello.