

Dear Senators,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! We are so excited to welcome you to Harvard Model Congress Boston and the Senate Homeland Security Committee! Our names are Sharon Tang, Awa Jasseh, Malachi Miller, Victor Bowker, and Jack Dhillon. We will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

This year, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will be discussing Gain of Function Research Security, UFOs, and data privacy. We look forward to seeing how you engage with these pressing topics, debating and collaborating with each other to create comprehensive bipartisan solutions.

Before the conference, we encourage all of you to begin the task of taking on your senator's role and familiarize yourself about their, and their party's, political positions. Having a holistic understanding of the three topics, through reading the briefings and conducting outside research will help make the conference a valuable, fun, and educational experience. We encourage you to think both creatively and realistically regarding the topics to help create legislation pushing the country forward.

As your chairs, it is important for us to create an environment that is both educational and fun! Coming to committee with an open mind to brainstorm with both us and other members of the committee and explore the legislative possibilities to solutions for you as lawmakers, will help you experience the best weekend possible!

A quick introduction to each of us:

Sharon is a Senior Staffer and a senior at Harvard College concentrating in Economics and Government. Having taken a gap year over COVID, this will mark her 5th HMC Boston conference. Outside of HMCB, Sharon is also involved in HMC Middle East and you can see her creating spotify playlists, rating things on Beli, and watching reality TV in her free time. She's super excited to meet all of you come February to see the solutions the committee will come up with!

Awa is a Senior Staffer and a junior at Harvard College from Georgia. She is currently studying Integrative Biology with a secondary in Ethnicity, Migration, and Rights, and she has thoroughly enjoyed all of her experiences with Harvard Model Congress!

Victor is a Junior Staffer and First-Year at Harvard College, expecting to concentrate in Government & Economics. This is his first Model Congress conference, but he is excited to bring Model UN experience to encourage delegates to work outside of their comfort zone and have some fun!

Jack is a Junior Staffer and Visiting Student at Harvard, focusing on Government. He is originally from London and has enjoyed getting to know Boston and the surrounding area. This

is his first Model Congress conference and is excited to share his passion for political science with the delegates.

Malachi is a Junior Staffer and Harvard First-Year, planning to concentrate in Linguistics and Folklore & Mythology. With experience staffing at other model congress events, he looks forward to getting to know the senators and their passions as they work through the excitement of the conference and its programming.

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

Best wishes,

Sharon, Awa, Victor, Jack, and Malachi