



Harvard Model Congress Boston 2024

Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

Dear Senators,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress Boston 2024! We are so excited to have you on the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee! Our names are Mohammed Maarouf, Atticus Lee, Esther Cho, Nate Bolan, and Red Hamblin, and we will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

As members of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, your role involves actively engaging, debating, and collaborating with one another to compromise and develop solutions relating to the flourishing of America's small businesses and entrepreneurs. This year, we will be focusing on the effect of artificial intelligence and online commerce on small businesses.

We are also excited to announce that this is the **first** advanced committee in Harvard Model Congress history! What this will entail is an overall faster committee pace as well as more rigorous, intellectually engaging debate. We expect you to arrive at committee with a thorough understanding of your Senator's political positions, especially on the subjects of committee debate. You should also think about what types of legislative efforts you'd like to pursue in committee, and consider arguments and counter arguments for each. Your briefings are a good start to your research, but we encourage you to look further and arrive at committee with research of your own. This will make the conference a more valuable experience both for you and for the other delegates in your committee.

As your chairs, we're super excited to create and facilitate an environment in which you can collaborate with us and your peers, exploring the legislative possibilities you can address as lawmakers. This is only possible with your cooperation, so we hope you will arrive ready for a weekend of spirited, yet civil, debate.

Here's a quick introduction to each of us...

Mohammed is a Senior Staffer and a third-year at Harvard College studying Applied Mathematics & Economics. This will be his fifth HMC conference. Besides HMC, he has been involved with the Harvard Financial Analysts Club, Harvard Real Estate Investment Group, and Harvard Student Agencies. A resident of Southern California, he is a huge fan of the beach, playing soccer, and riding all types of roller coasters!



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Atticus is a Senior Staffer from New York City. He is currently a sophomore at Harvard planning to study Government and History. This is his second year staffing HMC, and he participated in HMC Boston for all 4 years in highschool. Beyond HMC, Atticus leads a team of researchers in the Institute of Politics Policy Program, is on board of the Harvard Korean Association, and is a peer tutor for economics. In his free time, you will find Atticus biking, reading, or watching Game of Thrones with friends.

Esther is a HMC Junior Staffer and a first-year at Harvard College planning to study economics from Arizona. This will be her first time at the HMC Boston conference. Besides HMC, she is a member of the Harvard Financial Analysts Club, Harvard Undergraduate Research Association and researches under Harvard Business School. Check out her stationery business Milky & Co. Studios for fun paper goods!

Nate is a first-year student at Harvard and lives in Ivy Yard. He has yet to declare a concentration, but has strong interest in government. He is an HMC junior staffer and this is his first HMC Boston conference. Outside of HMC, he is a member of the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School, working with the Policy Program and Harvard Votes Challenge, and is a contributing writer for The Crimson's sports board. When not working, he enjoys taking long walks listening to podcasts and reading good spy novels.

Anja is a first year at Harvard. Currently, she is using her first year to explore her varied interests, but is leaning towards computer science and art, film, and visual studies (AFVS). Anja was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. This will be her first year as a part of Harvard Model Congress as well as her first Harvard Model Congress Asia. Despite that she is genuinely excited for what is to come. When Anja is not doing schoolwork, she can be found dancing, listening to all types of music, but most especially sleeping.

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

Best wishes,

Mohammed Maarouf, Atticus Lee, Esther Cho, Nate Bolan, and Anja Hamblin