



# Harvard Model Congress

## Boston 2024

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! Welcome to the West Wing!

**Jen** is a senior studying Government and Environmental Science and Public Policy. This is her fourth and final year staffing HMC Boston! She has also staffed Model Congress conferences in Asia and Europe. Outside of HMC, Jen is the executive editor of The Harvard Crimson's music section. In her free time you'll find Jen binge-watching a new show or passionately defending Dunkin's iced coffee. She is super excited for the 2024 conference!

**Ethan** is a junior in Leverett House studying Government. He has been involved in politics for the past 6 years, working on various campaigns and journalism teams. Additionally, he has staffed at HMC San Francisco and HMC Asia (Seoul). At Harvard, he is involved at the Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics where he currently serves as the Director of Communications. With his involvement in political organizations on and off campus, he is super excited to be a staffer at HMC.

**Nathan** is a senior in Lowell House originally from Wayland, Massachusetts. He studies Applied Mathematics and Philosophy. Outside of HMC, he leads pre-orientation trips with the First-Year Outdoor Program and is involved with the Harvard Outing Club. In his free time, Nathan loves creative writing, Boston sports (go Celtics!), and anything involving the great outdoors.

**Morgan** is a sophomore at Harvard studying Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology and Government. This is her first year in HMC, and she is so excited to staff HMC Boston. Outside of HMC, she is involved at the Institute of Politics where she chairs the Conferences Committee. She is also a tour guide for the Harvard Admissions Office, is an EMT with CrimsonEMS, and volunteers around Harvard Square.

**Rachel** is a first-year studying Physics and Mathematics. This will be the first HMC conference she has staffed. Her experience with model government programs comes from MUN, debate, and her work at the US Embassy in Berlin. In her free time, Rachel enjoys swimming, hiking, discussing politics, and making bracelets.

**Chris** is a first-year studying Neuroscience and Government on a pre-medical track. This is his first conference staffing HMC and he's really excited to work with you all!! Outside of

HMC at Harvard, he's an avid pianist and trumpet player as part of Harvard chamber music programs and the Harvard Jazz Orchestra, studies and researches neurodegenerative diseases, and has been exploring public health policy.

At Harvard Model Congress, the West Wing committee is composed of the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee. These two organizations are tasked with designing, promoting, and implementing the platforms of their respective parties. This year, we are excited to reintegrate the competition and strategy of party politics into HMC. Delegates representing the White House must define and assist the commander in chief and their party to define and pass their political agenda. Conversely, the opposing party must clarify the ways in which their party will and will not aid the president in this agenda. As a committee, the West Wing is the perfect place for scheming, and politicking your party to success!

Beyond gaining knowledge of the specific committee topics, HMC will offer you the chance to practice public speaking, persuasive writing, and the art of negotiation. You will meet peers from across the country, solve complex issues together, and emerge as stronger leaders.

We look forward to joining you during this process, and I hope to make it engaging and exciting!

Please get in touch via email with any questions you may have between now and the conference, or just to introduce yourself. We would encourage you to check out the website or other materials of the West Wing to familiarize yourself with its structure and functions.

Hope to hear from you, and see you in February!

Best,

Jen, Ethan, Nathan, Morgan, Rachel, Chris