

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress Boston 2024 and the G-20!

Our names are Matylda Urbaniak,Mukta Dharmapurikari, Steven Blank, and Natalie Coon and we are excited to be chairing the G-20 this year. This committee will push you to think deeply about the international nature of politics and the issues you care about. In particular, you will tackle global emissions and gender parity, areas that lack clear action in the global forum. The G-20 is the forum of economic policymakers from the twenty largest economies from throughout the world. You will be asked to tackle difficult and controversial questions, analyze information, cooperate with fellow delegates, and craft meaningful policy solutions. Most importantly, you will work amid passionate and intelligent students from every corner of the country with whom you can bounce around ideas. We hope that HMC Boston will further your awareness about international political issues, and most importantly, better able to tackle these issues confidently.

Hi, I'm **Matylda**, and I'm a senior at Harvard studying history, French, and Chinese. My family is originally from Poland, but I am happy to have called New York City home all my life. Outside HMC, I am involved in the Harvard Crimson newspaper and love watching Jeopardy! This conference will be my tenth with HMC and I could not be more excited!

Hi everyone! I'm **Natalie**, and I'm a first-year at Harvard. I was born and raised in rural Wisconsin, so moving to Massachusetts was an exciting change. Along with HMC, I participate in Science Olympiad, Harvard Political Union, and HMUN on campus. I also love to spend time outdoors, travel, and seek new adventures.

Hi, I'm **Mukta**, and I'm a sophomore at Harvard studying Environmental Science & Engineering and Economics. Outside of HMC, I'm involved in climate groups, research, and journalism, and I also love to read and bike around Boston. I'm so excited to meet you all!

Hi, I'm **Steven**, and I'm a sophomore at Harvard studying Applied Mathematics with a focus in Economics and Computer Science. Outside of HMC, I play jazz piano on campus through the Jazz Combo Initiative and Jazz Piano Studio, play in tournaments with the Harvard Poker Club, and work with AI on campus as a member of the HCSAI Group's board. I'm really excited to meet you all and look forward to a great committee!

Our first briefing will center on Women Led Economic Development and Technology Transfer and Global Innovation. We are sure that you will handle both of these topics extremely well and are excited to hear your ideas! As the conference approaches, and you begin to familiarize yourselves with the selected topics, we would love to hear from you with any questions or concerns that you might have. We hope you're getting excited for what is sure to be an incredible HMC Boston experience. We are looking forward to meeting you in February, and hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Matylda Urbaniak, Mukta Dharmapurikar, Natalie Coon, and Steven Blank