



## The plenary session

Weeks upon weeks of preparation and research have led to these two days, during which hours and hours of debate have created the crescendo which will play out today. Cals College Nieuwegein was packed full of delegates, all waiting for their chance to speak. It was clear to see that there all delegates were eager to make their points clear to all those who were present.

As Head of Press, I have been able to make my way into every room and hear a lot of different resolutions, and it was great to see and hear which of them had been passed throughout the week and were able to be heard in front of the Plenary Session. As each delegate opened themselves up to 'any and all' Points of Information, placards shot towards the ceiling. The delegates handled each Point of Information excellently. Each delegate spoke with genuine passion about their resolutions, and it was clear to see that everyone wanted to get their point across as clearly as possible. Who would have thought that a bunch of teenagers could have created this level of professionalism? The amount of hard work and research that has gone into these resolutions really shows when they are being debated in front of the Chair. Each topic is treated just as seriously as the next and is given the same space and opportunity to be presented in the Plenary Session.

This weekend has been an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. And now it's all ending. The past two days have been spent debating issues to find the best possible outcome, and now it's all over. If these people are the future leaders of our nations, it looks to me that we're all in a good place. Clapping is in order.



## The first MUN ever

The first MUN conference was organized by a group of students at Harvard University who wanted to learn more about the United Nations and international relations. The conference was held in the early 1950s and was attended by students from several colleges and universities in the Boston area. The conference was structured to simulate the United Nations General Assembly and other UN bodies, with students representing different countries and debating current international issues. The conference also featured a simulation of the Security Council, where students discussed and voted on issues related to international peace and security. The success of the first MUN conference at Harvard inspired the formation of similar conferences at other colleges and universities. Over time, MUNs have become a popular activity on college and high school campuses around the world, with thousands of students participating in these conferences every year. MUNs provide a valuable learning experience for students, as they simulate the workings of the UN and other international organizations and allow students to learn about diplomacy, negotiation, and international relations. They also provide an opportunity for students to develop leadership, public speaking, and critical thinking skills.



## What kind of delegate are you?

Q1) How many MUN conferences do you attend a year?

- a) 0-1
- b) 2-4
- c) 5-7
- d) More than 7

Q2) What do you enjoy most about MUN?

- a) The parties and events
- b) The debate
- c) The people I meet
- d) The award ceremony

Q3) When lobbying I .....

- a) join the first bloc that asks me
- b) join the bloc that suits my country
- c) try to make other countries join my bloc
- d) always succeed at making countries join my bloc

Q4) When speaking.....

- a) I don't
- b) I try to showcase my speech as well as possible even if it is not relevant
- c) I am too busy scribbling down notes to speak
- d) I try to attack

Q5) What is your go-to MUN drink?

- a) Some coffee
- b) Just water
- c) I don't drink
- d) A Red Bull for my nerves

Q6) How did you do to prepare for the conference?

- a) I looked for information on Wikipedia
- b) I wrote a detailed resolution on one topic
- c) I researched the other countries' position on my topic to see who I could work with
- d) I wrote a resolution on every topic

Type 1: The boring delegate or the newbie (mostly a) You are here for the MUN parties and events. You are not seen speaking often, but when you do, you make sure it is something entertaining. Maybe you are the newbie, who is trying to figure out what is going on.

Type 2: The Orator (mostly b) You are here to showcase your speaking skills. The debate is not what matters to you, only the quality of your speech does. You grab every opportunity to make a speech

Type 3: The negotiator (mostly c) You work in the dark. The secret to your success is alliances with other delegates. It might not seem like it, but you always get what you want.

Type 4: The award-seeker (mostly d) You would do anything to get what you most want. At the award ceremony, you can be found lingering in the back and nervously fixing your tie. After every conference, you wonder why it was not you, who won an award.

## CalsMUN crossword puzzle

### Across

- 3. Individuals are seated in the front with their gavel and facilitate the debate
- 5. A change made to an operative clause of a draft resolution. Amendments can add, delete, or change an operative clause in a draft resolution
- 7. A draft resolution that has been passed by a committee
- 8. Delegates who authored the draft resolution or actively contributed ideas

### Down

- 1. Delegates who wish to see the draft resolution debated but may or may not agree with all of the ideas
- 2. When a speaker decides to give up the remaining time in his or her speech
- 4. Order in committee. May be called if delegates are loud or disrespectful, in order to ask for their attention during committee
- 6. A specific action made by delegates to direct debate in a certain direction



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## About last night...

Many of you probably had some difficulty waking up this morning, while others were still wide awake because of the amazing memories they made last night at the party. The party was a huge success!

Upon entering the auditorium you could immediately see the theme: Glitter! Everywhere you looked you saw glittering flags and sparkling balloons. Not only the party space was shrouded in glitter, but also the party guests were wearing their best glitter outfits. It was a glittering sight to see everyone together during the party!

During the party, some huge hits were played, and the dance floor was busy all night. I have seen some great dance moves, and everyone let their best singing voice be heard. The moshpits that started because of songs like starships, can't hold us and so many more were amazing.

A real party is of course not complete without delicious snacks. And these were certainly in abundance! Everyone could enjoy these delicious snacks and quickly get enough energy to dance and sing all evening!

There was also a photo booth present, where you could take the best pictures with your new friends. The photos were printed right away so you can hang them up at home so that you will never forget this awesome evening and this even more awesome weekend!

And this brings us to the last question that everyone is now asking themselves... Who is the winner of the kissing contest? Well, throughout the evening there were some people who formed a bond stronger than your usual friendship :). I will not be appointing a formal winner, but you could ask your friends whom they think won. Maybe they know more than I do :). If you scan the QR-Code, you can let us know who you think won :).

All in all, it was a great evening and certainly a memory to think back on positively!





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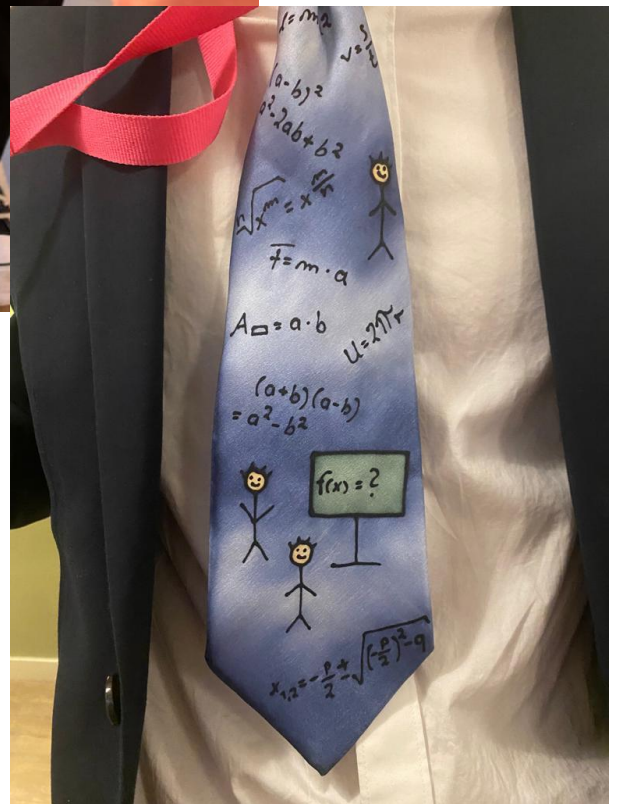
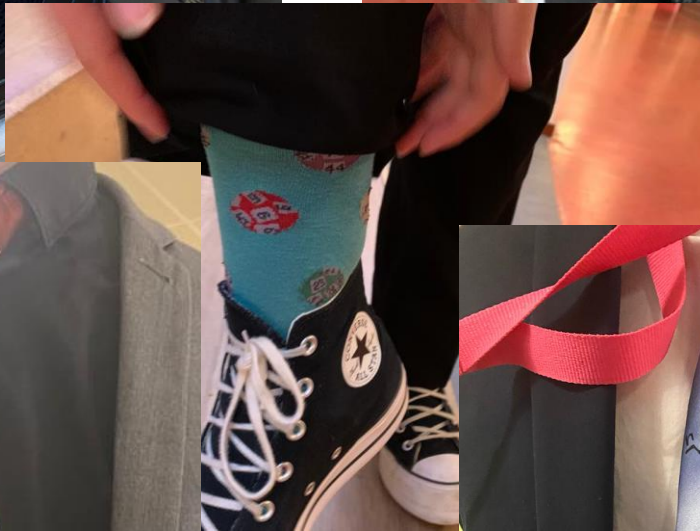


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# Socks and ties hall of fame



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