

Dear Advisors,

On behalf of the entire conference staff, it brings me great joy to officially welcome you to SHSMUN 2014. I can personally assure you that whether you are a conference veteran or this is your first time, you will fully reap the rewards SHSMUN has to offer. I can still remember my first time as a delegate—the speechmaking, the debating, the caucusing, all of it. Even though I wasn't the best at any of those things, SHSMUN and the experiences I have gained at this conference have shaped me into the person I am today. I firmly believe that it can do the same for you. That being said, I'm hopeful that this year you and your students will be immersed in three days of educationally stimulating situations—situations that will be challenging, but inevitably rewarding.

Since SHSMUN 2013 was adjourned, I have been honored to work alongside some of the brightest minds the Southeast has to offer. Needless to say, I am incredibly proud and humbled by the work and effort each staff member has put in to making November 22 a reality. I am more than confident that their work, their level of research, and lastly their innate intellect will reflect in the quality of debate and discussion in committee.

As we gather together for a weekend to debate issues and solve the world's problems and ultimately “achieve” world peace, we must never forget the true mission of this conference: to defeat cynicism. Ultimately, the leadership of this conference aspires to instill a true love for the United Nations and solidify the notion that when people come together, solutions can be found and change can be achieved.

The experiences that delegates will encounter at this conference will ultimately make that far fetched vision a reality.

On [www.shsmun.org](http://www.shsmun.org), you will find resources covering all areas of the conference, but at any time, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at [secgen@shmsun.org](mailto:secgen@shmsun.org) or email our program coordinator, Daniel Kadwell, at [coordinator@shsmun.org](mailto:coordinator@shsmun.org). Of course, the same also applies for all committee chairs.

Finally, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for your continued support for not only your students, but this conference. This conference relies as much on a prepared staff, as it does on your support and your commitment. I look forward to November 22 and the days that will follow for what will most definitely be an unforgettable and unsurpassable experience.

Sincerely,  
Aman Madan  
Secretary General