

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Philadelphia



DEMOCRACY DEMANDS DISCOURSE

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL GLOBAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

2021-2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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INTRODUCTION

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

About the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia (the 'Council')

- Non-partisan, international affairs experience provider with 70 years+ of expertise in connecting the greater Philadelphia region to the world
- We provide authentic and meaningful learning experiences, and make critical, international affairs topics accessible to people of all ages, political beliefs, and backgrounds. The Council helps the community to understand the world around us.
- Understanding international affairs and employing cultural diplomacy is more important now than ever to strengthen our region and economy, promote civic engagement, and prepare the next generation of leaders to be college and career ready.
- The Council invites the Greater Philadelphia educational community to grow their knowledge of the world through school membership; educational experiences; and a wide-ranging portfolio of events and programming.





Our "Three Pillars" of Operations:



TALK

Non-partisan, civil discourse

Over 5,000 speakers to date

More than 25 in-person and virtual events, annually



TRAVEL

We partner with 30+ councils across the United States

Tours are made to all seven continents of the world

Offer "off-the-beaten-path" views and briefings



TEACH

85 schools, serving 2,500 students in the region annually

Public, private, charter, parochial, independent, and home school

Co-sponsor of Bodine High School for International Affairs



Teach: 2020-2021 and 2021-2022



- **2020-2021 Educational Highlights:**

- Over 50% of students served are BIPOC students
- Held our first ever, week-long middle school United Nations Summer Camp
- Facilitated 39 virtual global education program days; 30,000 learning hours
- 12 different global and national issues; 60 different countries for students to research and represent; worked with 30 external partners

- **2021-2022 Initiatives and Milestones:**

- Continuation of scholarships to support United Nations Summer Camp
- New work-study partnership with Cristo Rey High School for 2021-2022
- Grant-funded initiative to increase participation among Title-I high schools
- 10th year of the Global Smarts Mentoring Program; Phasing back to in-person
- 40th Anniversary of the WAC-Bodine Partnership



Teach: Our Jr. MUN Program Goals

- **The Council's top Educational goal is to develop core global competencies. In Jr. Model United Nations, students will:**



- Gain a deeper understanding of world geography, history, and cultures;



- Explore the mission, structure, and function of the United Nations;



- Apply research and critical thinking skills to specific global issues;



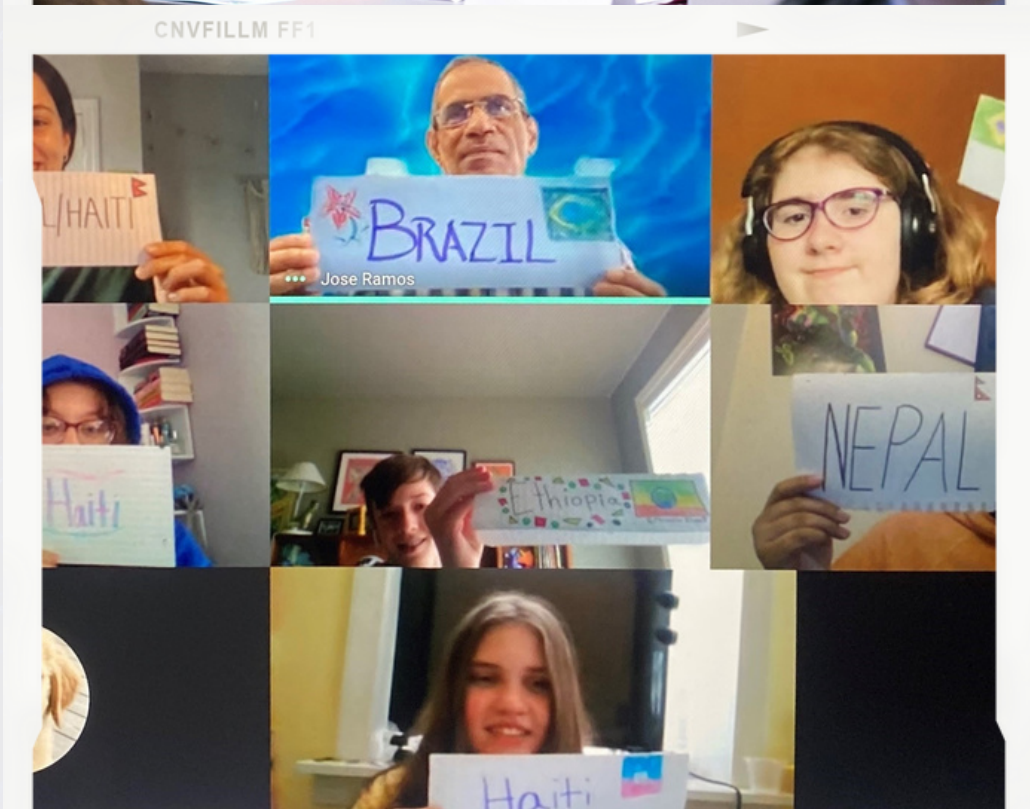
- Learn to write, debate, and amend resolutions;



- Understand the role of diplomacy and deliberation in international affairs; and



- Develop skills in conflict resolution, problem solving, and cross-cultural communication.



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2021-2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Jr. Model United Nations - Student Diplomat Program

2021-2022 Jr. Model United Nations - Student Diplomat Program

- A five-month journey that introduces ~750 middle school students from the Greater Philadelphia area to international affairs and cultural diplomacy through their experience as global delegates working to solve critical world issues
- Emphasis on developing students'
 - *Cultural competency;*
 - *Research and writing skills; and*
 - *Public speaking, communication, and diplomacy skills.*
- The Council will offer both in-person and virtual education programming for 2021-2022, with the ability to adapt all programs to a virtual format should circumstances require it
- Applications opened for all middle schools and home schools in the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond on September 1, 2021



Cultural Diplomacy
Conference (*January, 2022*)



Preparatory Conference
(*February 2022*)



Final Conference
(*May 2022*)

2021-2022 Jr. Model United Nations

Program Topic and Subcommittee Topics

Sustaining our Global Future



Subcommittee Topic
**Building the Sustainable
Cities of the Future**



Subcommittee Topic
**Creating Sustainable
Food Systems**

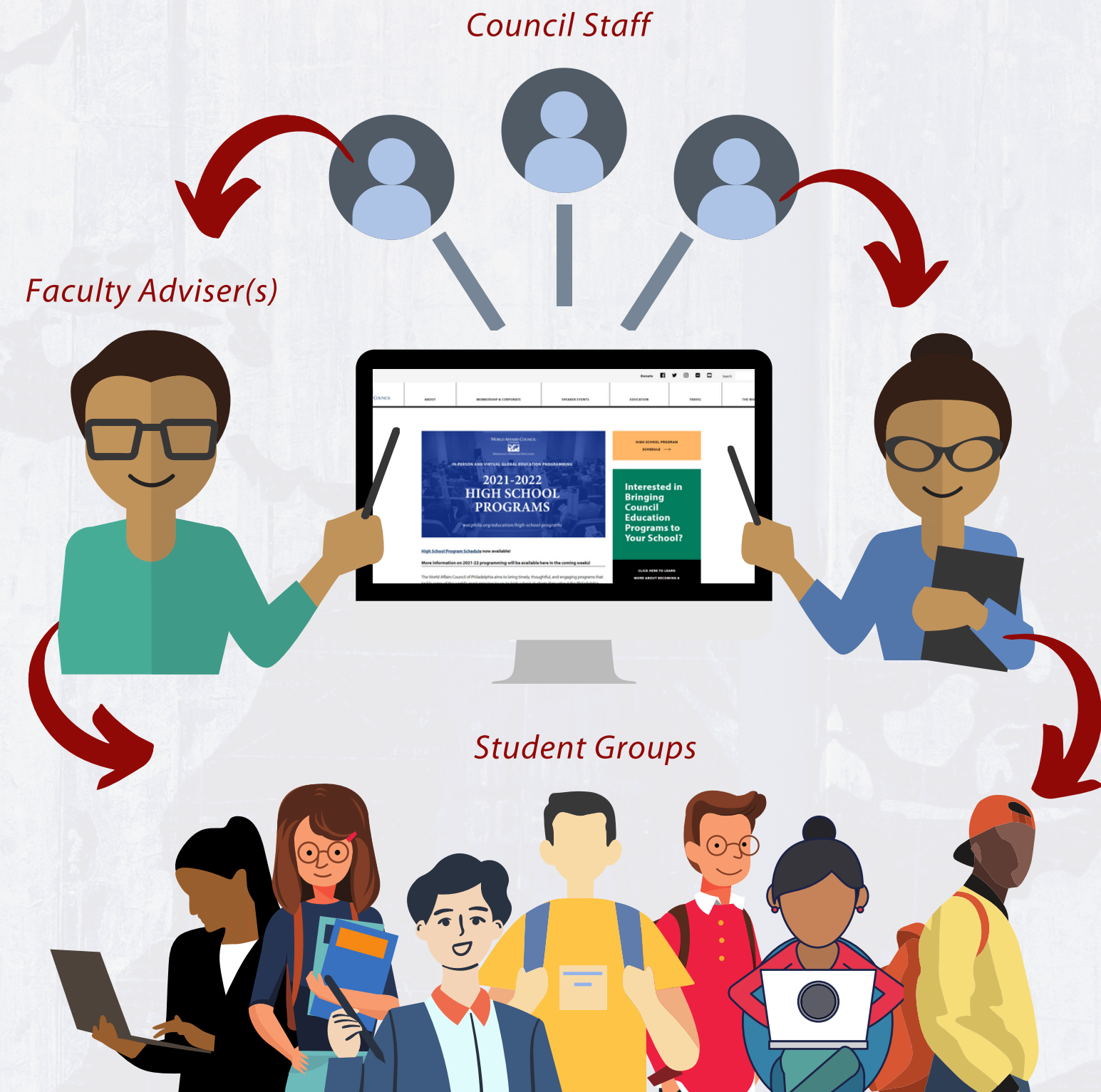
The Faculty Adviser Role

Role & Responsibilities

- Each middle school school or small group **must have a MINIMUM of one designated "Faculty Adviser"** (typically a teacher, counselor, or home school group lead point of contact) to serve as a primary point of contact for Council staff
- The Faculty Adviser serves in this position for a full academic year. Faculty advisers sign their school/group up for Jr. Model United Nations and also recruit, register, and prepare their students throughout the duration of the program
- Strongly encouraged (though not required) to establish an extracurricular World Affairs Club or Model United Nations Club with biweekly-weekly meetings

Benefits

- Special access to the Council's award-winning Speaker Events
- Inclusion in a growing network of a diverse group of Philadelphia-area educators
- Potential to enhance classroom curriculum with the Council's experiential learning opportunities and program resources
- Receive first-hand communication through the Council's Education e-newsletters on professional development opportunities and global education resources.



2021-2022 Jr. Model United Nations

Program Model Options

Basic Program Model

- ✓ Cultural Diplomacy Conference
- ✓ Prep Conference
- ✓ **Self-Facilitated Final Conference**
- ✓ **\$50 per student**

Premium Program Model

- ✓ Cultural Diplomacy Conference
- ✓ Prep Conference
- ✓ **Council-Run Final Conference**
- ✓ **\$75 per student**

**Scholarships for both program models available to schools in need of financial assistance*

COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies

- The Council is committed to guaranteeing the health and safety of all students and teachers participating in 2021-2022 in-person Education programming. We will continue to offer the chance to participate in our Education programs virtually
- When registering for any in-person programming, you agree that all teachers and students participating from your school will adhere to the Council's COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies
- The Council's COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies will be continuously updated throughout the school year to reflect official recommendations to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, such as mandatory vaccination of all Council Staff, mask mandates, social distancing when possible, and other commonly-used practices





Cultural Diplomacy Conference

Produced in partnership with the Penn Museum, students explore how their unique cultural backgrounds influence their lives and perceptions of the world around them, and prepare to begin their journey as UN diplomats representing their assigned countries.

- Features interactive gallery tours, International Classroom workshops, and a presentation on the concept of culture (led by Penn Museum staff)
- Features interactive presentation on diplomacy, the relationship between diplomacy and culture, and why cultural diplomacy is critical for the Jr. Model UN program (led by Council Education staff)
- In-person and virtual program offerings (Multiple dates - January, 2022)
- Full-day program (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)





Jr. Model United Nations Preparatory Conference

Student delegates will meet with Council staff to participate in an intensive virtual prep session that includes an introduction to the United Nations, writing and amending resolutions, and a substantive topic briefing by experts working in fields related to this year's program committee topics.

- This program prepares students to successfully complete the remainder of their work in the Jr. Model UN program and gives them all of the tools and knowledge they need to participate fully and confidently in the Final Conference in May
- Virtual program offerings only (Multiple dates - February, 2022)
- Virtual Platforms: Zoom
- Full-day program (9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)





Jr. Model United Nations Final Conference

Student delegates, representing their assigned United Nations member countries, attend the Jr. Model United Nations Final Conference, where they work together to present, debate, amend, and ultimately vote on final resolutions aimed at improving the lives of people around the world in how they relate to this year's program committee topics.

- Basic Program Model: Self-Facilitated Final Conference
- Premium Program Model: Council-Facilitated Final Conference
 - Experienced college students from local universities serve as Committee Co-Chairs
 - Virtual and in-person program options
 - Multiple program dates, May 2022
- Full-day program (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)



Main Program Dates

(For a more detailed list, please visit our website)

- ✓ **Early January, 2022 (multiple dates; virtual and in-person options)**
Cultural Diplomacy Conference
- ✓ **Late February, 2022 (multiple dates; virtual options only)**
Jr. Model United Nations Preparatory Conference
- ✓ **Early March - Early April, 2022**
Resolution, Position Paper, and Videotaped Speech submission window
- ✓ **Mid-April, 2022 *NEW!***
Final Resolutions and Public Speaking & Debating Activities made available
- ✓ **Mid-Late May, 2022 (multiple dates; virtual and in-person options)**
Jr. Model United Nations Final Conference



Optional Teacher Check-Ins

NEW FOR
2021-2022!

- In addition to once again hosting Tech-Checks for virtual programing, Education staff will now host monthly Optional Teacher Check-Ins beginning in December 2021
- Faculty advisers can join these open virtual sessions to discuss program goals, activities, and timelines with Education staff
- **These will be particularly helpful for new schools/faculty advisers!**





Global Smarts Mentoring Program

The Global Smarts Mentoring Program is a grant-funded, award-winning, global literacy tutoring program that pairs college-level student mentors from Saint Joseph's University and Temple University with middle school students from Title-1 Philadelphia public, parochial and charter schools.

- Through weekly individual and small-group instruction, mentors provide students with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to confidently participate in the Council's annual, region-wide Jr. Model United Nations Conference
- Serving ~200 students from 10 schools with a combination of in-person and virtual mentorship
- Interested in joining or learning more? Contact Eric Bumbaca, Director of Student Programs, at ebumbaca@wacphila.org





Speaker Events



Hayley Boyle

Vice President of Programs



Speaker Events

WEBINAR: The Global Movement for Black Lives

September 27, 2021 | Zoom

1 - 2 p.m. Webinar | 2 - 2:30 p.m. Student Briefing Room

Join the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia for a discussion with international organizers, activists, and leaders about the impact that the Movement for Black Lives has had around the world.

About the Moderator

- Christie Iletto, Emmy Award-winning journalist and team member of 6ABC Action News

About the Panelists

- Antonio José Bacelar da Silva, Assistant Professor of Brazil Studies at the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona
- F. Angelo Camufingo, a German-Angolan anti-racism and education speaker, consultant, social justice activist, and STUBBORN - Diversity & Inclusion Consultant
- June Francis, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing, Business and Society, Innovation and Entrepreneurship; and Director of the Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement, Simon Fraser University





Speaker Events

WEBINAR: A Conversation with The Honorable Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

November 2, 2021 | Zoom

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Webinar

Join the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and its partners for a discussion with the Honorable Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights about the importance of promoting and protecting the world's human rights and freedoms.

About the Speaker

- Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights



Upcoming Events, Programs & Deadlines



Applications for Jr. Model United Nations - Student Diplomat Program Closes Friday, October 22, 2021



Speaker Event (Webinar): "A Conversation with The Honorable Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights" - Tuesday, November 2, 2021



Student Country and Committee Assignments Sent Out to Faculty Advisers by Wednesday, November 24, 2021



Questions and Comments?



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