What is Cultural Diplomacy? Why are we learning about it here at the Penn Museum today?

“The promotion of shared understanding through cultural exchange”
Student Diplomat - Jr. Model United Nations Program

The World Affairs Council serves as a forum for people to discuss different points of view.

Now that you are all student diplomats in the Jr. Model UN program, it means that you will help to carry out this mission, especially by practicing Cultural Diplomacy.
What is happening in this photo?

Who are these people?

How might this represent cultural diplomacy?
What is diplomacy?

• The work of maintaining good relations between the governments of countries
• The ability to find common ground with others who may think or believe very differently than you
• The ability to work together to advance a common cause
Who is a diplomat? What do they do?

- **(Formal definition)** A person appointed by a national government to conduct official negotiations and maintain political, economic, and social relations with another country or group of countries.

- **(Informal definition)** A person who is skilled in managing delicate situations and handling people; someone who can deal with people in a sensitive and effective way.

- Diplomats have to be tactful and respectful.
What are important skills a diplomat must have?

- Language skills
- Trustworthiness
- Patience – ability to remain calm, especially in stressful situations
- Successfully mediate differences (have parties come to an agreement)
- Solve problems and manage conflicts
- Strong understanding of the culture of the people with whom they are working
- *** Communication!

**Remember:** an effective communicator is good at both speaking *and* listening.
Where can we find diplomacy and diplomats?

At School or Home

Governments

International Organizations
The United Nations was founded in 1945 to:

- Promote world peace;
- Develop good relationships between countries;
- Promote cooperation in solving the world’s problems;
- Encourage respect for human rights.
Model United Nations and your Role as Model UN Student Diplomats

- Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations (U.N.) General Assembly and/or any other U.N. organ.
- It’s an academic competition!
- Students represent countries and serve as delegates.
- Delegates debate and discuss global issues to learn more about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations.
Diplomats & Cultural Awareness
The Cultural Iceberg

Based on what you have learned about culture and diplomacy:

- What aspects of culture may be on the iceberg above the surface of the water (visible)?
- What aspects of culture may be on the iceberg below the surface of the water (non-visible)?
Cultural Diplomacy & Our Program Topics

**TOPIC 1:**
Ensuring Global Access to Vaccines & Medicines

**TOPIC 2:**
Promoting Decent Work & Economic Opportunity for Youth

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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Next Steps...
Research Your Assigned Country & Subcommittee

Begin to familiarize yourself with your assigned country’s culture and history, as well as its relationship with the United Nations and your assigned topic.

Read the topic briefing paper and subcommittee paper for your assigned topic and complete the “Questions to Consider.”

Briefing papers and program resources will be available online at wacphila.org/education under ‘Middle School Programs’ and in your school’s Google Drive program folder.
Attend the Jr. Model United Nations Prep Conference in March

Hear from an expert speaker on your assigned topic.

Participate in a workshop on parliamentary procedure and writing a resolution.

Practice diplomacy and public speaking and learn key tips and strategies to succeed at the Jr. MUN Final Conference.
Video Record an Opening Speech (optional)

Using their research skills, students record an opening speech video regarding their committee topic from the perspective of their assigned country. Faculty advisors and/or mentors review final resolutions and submit to Council staff via Google Drive. This assignment is optional & students can opt to write a position-paper as another optional assignment.

Due Date: Friday, April 21
Write a Resolution *(mandatory)*

From the perspective of your assigned country, each pair or group of students representing a particular country and topic, write a resolution addressing your subcommittee topic, including three preambulatory clauses and three corresponding operative clauses.

Due Date: *Friday, April 14*
Attend the Jr. Model United Nations Final Conference in May

Students and Faculty Advisors attend the Jr. Model United Nations Final Conference at Temple University, where they present, debate, amend and vote on final resolutions aimed at improving the lives of people around the world.
PROGRAM DATES & DEADLINES

January 18, 19 and 24, 2023
Cultural Diplomacy Conference

March 7, 8, 9, 10 and 14, 2023
Preparatory Conference

April 2023
Resolution, Position Paper, and Videotaped Speeches Due (Various Dates)

May 1, 2023
Final Resolutions and Public Speaking & Debating Activities made available

May 17, 18, 19 and 23, 2023
Final Conferences
Questions?

Contact your school’s Jr. MUN teacher to connect with our Education team!

wacphila.org/education