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### **MEET THE SECRETERIAT!!**



#### **Athinais Lachana Deputy Secretary-General**

Question: Which is your favourite MUN experience and why?

Athinais Lachana Deputy Secretary-General: My favorite MUN experience was definitely THIMUN. I can go on and on about all the unforgettable memories and the lovely people I met, but one I will never forget is when I missed the train and the whole school had to wait for me....

#### Evelina Stathi Deputy Secretary-General (Deutsche Schule Athen)

Question:What are some tips you would give to someone attending MUN for the first time? Evelina Stathi Deputy Secretary-General *(Deutsche Schule Athen):* Don't be scared to participate, take the opportunity to make a speech or POI. Also try to socialize as much as possible because you can make some





#### **Marios Pasoglou Secretary General**

Qusetion: Which MUN committee is closest to your heart and why? Marios Pasoglou Secretary General: Ga1 because it was the first conference that i was a delegate in And the first few conferences and also i really like the topics it has and the topics the delegates debate on

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#### Christina Palamidi President of the General Assembly (Byron College)

Questions: What famous person historical figure would you like to see participate in an MUN conference?

Christina Palamidi President of the General Assembly (Byron College):

Cleopatra because I think her willingness to improve her country is admirable and today's leaders could use the inspiration.





#### Mariza Michalaki Deputy Secretary-General (HAEF Athens College):

Question: Where do you see yourself in 10 years/ Deputy Secretary-General: Mariza Michalaki (HAEF Athens College):

I'm going to be 27 so I would like to have a steady job preferably in shipping law

I would like to have finished my studies in the Athens law school

I hope to live in Athens and I want to do a masters abroad so I don't really think I will go live somewhere else because I really love Greece

Finally I hope to be involved in philanthropist in the community while also keeping contact with my close friends

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-Mareva Xristodoulidi

### Harnessing AI for Justice: Balancing Innovation and Ethical Responsibility

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is exciting in many ways, but it must be tempered with ethical responsibility to avert harm. While AI has the potential to revolutionize various industries and social systems, it can also help solve some of the world's most pressing issues, including gender-based violence, extremist ideologies, and systemic discrimination. One of the most pressing challenges is tackling gender-based violence driven by paramilitary groups in I the Caribbean, where weak institutional frameworks exist and such crimes





continue. AI-driven tools promise to provide police and human rights organizations with predictive analytics, realtime surveillance, and enhanced victim support. Analysis of violence trends could help identify high-risk spots where authorities could intervene more effectively. Furthermore, AI-enabled platforms could provide survivors with a safe way to report cases, thereby increasing their access to justice while reducing the fear of reprisal. However, using AI within this context must be

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carefully considered to prevent data collection that may result in privacy violations and the possibility of exploitation by oppressive regimes.

In addition to addressing genderbased violence, AI can play a significant role in combating the glorification of extreme ideologies that drive racism, xenophobia, and intolerance. The breeding ground of extremism is social media platforms and online communities, whose algorithms amplify divisive content. AI can help by moderating harmful content, detecting hate speech and misinformation, and promoting counter-narratives that promote social cohesion. Machine learning models can now alert authorities in real-time to the presence of harmful





rhetoric or extremist recruitment efforts, which will allow for intervention. However, considerations of censorship and bias regarding AI decision -making underscore the importance of transparent governance and ethical AI development. To avoid letting AI simply reify existing prejudices, diverse datasets and constant human oversight are required.

The struggle is thus set between harnessing the immense potential of AI and using it responsibly. AI can bring justice and security, but it should not become a tool for mass surveillance, oppression of dissent, or biased policing. There is a need for governments, tech companies, and human rights organizations to exert a collective effort to build frameworks that place human

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dignity, data privacy, and fairness at the forefront. The future of AI must advance fellow humans, especially marginalized communities, while defending their fundamental rights against the injustices that plague global stability. As technology evolves, the road ahead must ensure that AI is a weapon of development and not an instrument of oppression.







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### **OPENING CEREMONY**

Christina Palamidi the president of the general assembly welcomed the delegates and announced the board members. She emphasized the theme "Balancing infinite opportunities," highlighting economic factors, critical thinking, and initiative-taking. A memorial video honored Dr. Horner, the youngest college president in the institution's history, acknowledging his financial and curricular contributions to ACG's development, commitment to sustainable practices, and success in increasing annual fundraising. The ceremony continued with the introduction of the organizing team.





Natalia Dandoura and Eleonora Strompouli members of the organising team emphasized leadership and initiative, highlighting that MUN is more than an academic exercise but a platform for growth where student voices are heard. They stressed the development of confidence, diplomacy, and courage, reflecting a school culture that values student input. They honored President Dr. Horner for his contributions and dedicated the conference to him,

followed by a video featuring ACG members expressing their gratitude.

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Dr. David G. Horner President of the American college of Greece, addressed the assembly, expressing gratitude to attendees and celebrating the institution's 150- year history. He highlighted how the conference develops teambuilding, public presentation, and debate skills, while emphasizing that reinforcing moral and social values remains paramount. Dr. Horner noted that significant global voices are creating a new narrative beyond the simple "winners and losers" paradigm. He stressed the importance of understanding other nations' concerns and serving



others beyond self-interest, reminding participants that while they may be citizens of different countries, they function as one team in this important moment.



Dimitris Adramopoulos, a significant diplomat, addressed the involvement of diplomacy in the theme of the conference: progress and opportunities. He highlighted the importance of negotiation in conflict resolution, as a means of promoting each country's interest while avoiding any otherwise potential conflicts, which could lead to an act of war. Moreover, while diplomacy boasts tangible benefits, it has changed through the years, thus requiring adaptability and new strategies, which would fit in an ever-changing environment. Lastly, he encouraged the delegates to pur-

sue this fulfilling career.

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Ambassador Alison Duncan addressed the ongoing challenges that today's world faces, while reminding the listeners of the opportunities that arise through them. She focused on the topic of social license, as the primary element of running a foreign program such as foreign aid. She explained that the permission of the citizens is necessary when tackling



national situations and analyzed ways through which their persuasion can be achieved, such as the understanding of the goal, the simple explanation of it, as well as the specifying of the benefits that will be provided to the people themselves.



Ioulianos Kotsios, the conference director, after saluting, presented himself. Later, he pridefully presented ACG's strive for excellence, academic achievement, and passion. Qualities which are attained by no other but MUN and the debates that it provides. He highlighted the significance of ACG, a school with 150 years of history, boasting the largest MUN conference. Lastly, after thanking the president, dr Horner, he praised this year's guest speakers, career diplomats with true

knowledge and experience.

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### **OPENING CEREMONY OVERVIEW**

The Opening Ceremony took place at no other than the theater of the American College of Greece. At around 10'30, the delegates began entering the area and taking their seats. The president of the secretariat, Christina Palamidi, welcomed the participants and announced the members of the board. After her speech, a video was shown in honor



of Dr.Horner, the president of the ACG, thanking him for his contribution to the school. Two members of the organizing team followed, Natalia Dandoura and Eleonora Strompouli, reflecting on the key benefits of MUN and calling to the stand Dr. Horner himself. After expressing his gratefulness, thanking the participants and celebrating 150 years of the school's working, he made his speech. The president was followed by Dimitris Adramopoulos, a significant diplomat, serving to home affairs, migration and terrorism. Other speakers, such as Ioulianos Kotsios, the conference director, the ambassador of the commonwealth of Australia to the Hellenic republic, Alison Duncan ,Marios Pasoglou, the secretary general, and Sekeris took their turn. The opening ceremony was closed with the members of the ACG band, performing two songs, and the video of Yiannis Brailas.



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#### School 2.0: Preparing students for the job market

How many times have you wondered, "What use will any of this have in adult life?" while studying for a class or an exam? Or maybe: "How am I supposed to know that?" when all the "adult" chores and responsibilities knock at your door? Rent, bills, groceries, but most importantly—finding your first job, the idea of which is stressful and overwhelming enough on its own.

We are told to choose a career path and make vital decisions concerning our future at a very young age. However, they forget to give us the instructions, and a majority of young people find themselves stressed, lost, and unaware of what they should do once they





#### graduate.

Where every student should seek help and advice is the school, which should provide the knowledge and information needed, as well as a reliable orientation test and teachers capable of responding to every question and problem. Education systems should manage to cope with social developments like technological advancements, globalization, and shifting trends and demands, which influence not only job markets but society as a whole in many aspects.

What needs to be changed or included in education models to aid students en-

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tering the job market?

First of all, to prepare for modern challenges, especially in the workplace, students must learn to use and rely on their critical thinking and problem-solving skills instead of memorization. Additionally, they should acquire not only the technical knowledge that schools already provide but also soft skills to communicate effectively, adapt, and maintain emotional intelligence. To achieve this, the curriculum should be reformed in a way that integrates STEM subjects with the arts and humanities, fostering the aforementioned skills.

In addition, considering the rapid development of technology, with artificial intelligence (AI) invading our everyday lives and tasks, education systems must include digital tools and online platforms that can enhance the

learning experience, from virtual labs to AI-assisted learning. Technology has been incorporated into most jobs today, if not completely taking over some professions; therefore, people need to know how to handle new and innovative platforms and cope with any development or challenge. School is, of course, the place where this knowledge and adaptability must be taught, ensuring that students become familiar and experienced with this way of working.

Additionally, internships via the school are the most direct way for students to understand how the job market works. Experiencing the environment of a workplace firsthand with the guidance of an employer, either by undertaking a task or project or by observing and following the example of a supervisor and asking questions, allows students to gain knowledge about a specific profession that inter-



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ests them and the job market they will soon enter.

Modernizing education systems is crucial for preparing students to thrive in the ever-evolving workforce. As industries become more technology-driven and dynamic, it is essential that education fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability. Equipping students with the ability to leverage technology, think critically, and continue learning throughout their careers will ensure they can meet the demands of the future job market.

The world of work is evolving, and so should our approach to education. Some measures need to be taken so that students in the future do not ask themselves the same questions as those mentioned in the introduction.







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## COMMITTEE REVIEWS

#### GA1

Today, in GA1 our committee session began with some icebreakers which allowed us to get to know each other. Afterwards, our delegates delivered impressive policy statements that expressed their stance on the crucial topic of. Lobbying was very productive for the topic and our delegates showed lots of enthusiasm and participation.



#### GA2



The Economic and Financial Committee (GA2) is filled with truly inspiring and hardworking delegates. We began our session with icebreakers, during which multiple delegates found their "soulmates", and started forming amicable relationships. This process of getting to know each other helped relieve tension, before moving on to lobbying on the

first topic of the committee: "Countering the adverse effects of the European Union (EU) Digital Market Act". The delegates were split into two blocks, one composed of EU nations that promote market regulation and the other of nations that emphasize economic liberty. After the first lobbying period which lasted two hours, we moved on to the second one in which delegates resiliently discussed the problem of hyperinflation caused by the introduction

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cryptocurrency in national markets. Countries were once again grouped into two blocks, one composed of countries with an unstable financial landscape, relying on cryptocurrencies to ease their economic turmoil and the other with those who view cryptocurrencies as a threat to their FIAT currency or wish to keep crypto activity under strict regulation. We are very excited to see these passionate and well-informed individual obtain the floor, deliver speeches and debate tomorrow!

#### GA3

This year's Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee at ACG-MUN began with remarkable commitment. After several hours of lobbying, presenting, and deliberating, the delegates of GA3 successfully drafted two resolutions addressing the urgent issue of Gender-Based Violence in the Caribbean, a crisis that demands our immediate attention and action. Each delegation worked carefully to ensure their contributions to these resolutions were not only impactful on a global scale but also respectful of the diverse values, traditions, and beliefs of each nation. The presidency of GA3 extends its heartfelt gratitude to all delegates for their collaborative efforts and dedication. We look forward to another productive and inspiring session tomorrow.

#### WHO

This years WHO is actually an amazing specialized committee! It is full of smart, engaged and passionate delegates, very prepared for the conference too. Honestly, they participate more than most advanced committees. Us the chairs are so impressed, and actually so proud of everyone. It is only halfway in the first day and we have already finished lobbying topic 1, with innovative solutions and sparking conversations between delegates. Finally, we happily assume we have the most gossips in the whole conference, our gossip box is already full!



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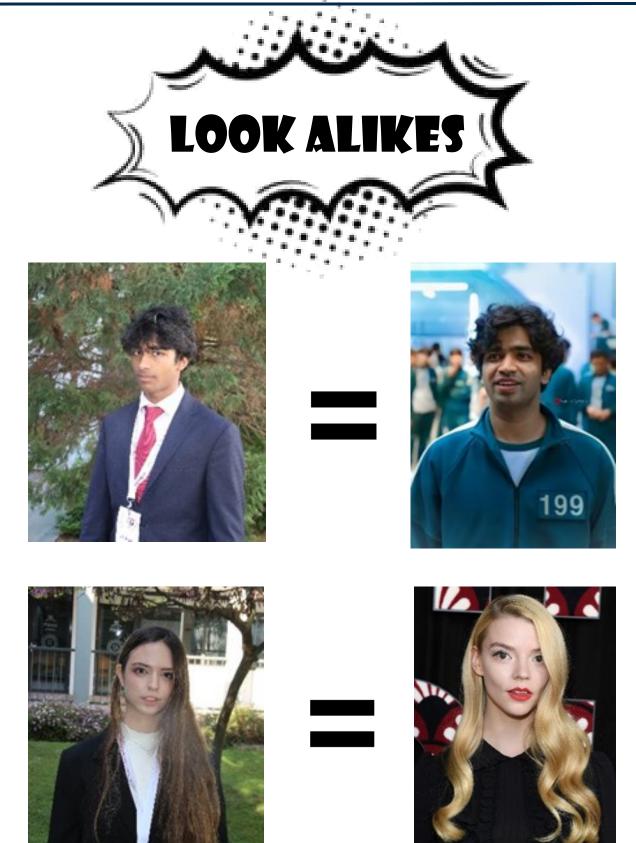
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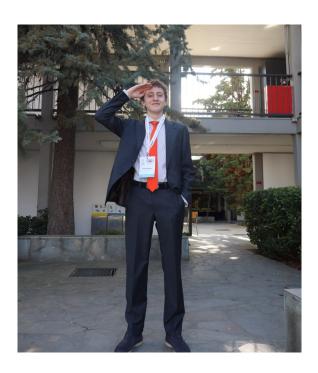


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