



MODEL UNITED NATIONS of ALASKA 2012

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Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the entire Secretariat, it is my pleasure as Secretary General to extend to you greetings and a warm invitation to this coming year's Model United Nations of Alaska Conference. It is the 30th anniversary of the conference and we are hard at work preparing for what we hope will be one of the most exciting and rewarding conferences to date!

My first introduction to MUN came only a few years ago as a delegate from UAA. Since then, each year has brought fresh rewards, and I've gotten to know many of my closest friends during the conference. The MUN simulation is a wonderful opportunity to step outside of our own respective mindsets and learn to see the world from other perspectives as we strive to understand and meet challenges before us. I have been continually encouraged and inspired by the enthusiasm, creativity, and determination of MUN Alaska delegates and have great expectations for this year.

In speaking to this year's topic, I believe, "**Revisiting the UN Millennium Development Goals**" is perfectly suited for the world's current political scene. With widespread protests ongoing in the Middle East and economic insecurity at every level of development across the world, it may seem like the time we as nations and citizens may need to take a step back and reevaluate our goals on global poverty, education, human health, and environmental sustainability. But in truth it is now more than ever when we must step up to the challenges before us with a clear vision of how we want the world to be in the years to come. To host discussions on these topics, we have selected the Security Council, UN Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization, World Bank, UN Environmental Program, UN Development Program, and the World Health Organization as the committees for the 2012 conference.

So I invite you to join us in this incredible experience. For more information about the topic and Model United Nations of Alaska, I would urge you to visit our website at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/modelun>. The Secretariat will regularly post new materials and links that will be helpful in your research on the specific topics for each of the simulated bodies. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Your presence will be a great contribution to the Model United Nations of Alaska.

I look forward to meeting you in February!

Sincerely,

Aleks Pfaffe
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