

# Kennesaw State University High School Model United Nations XXXI

## Press Corps

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*Dear Reporters,*

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 Kennesaw State University High School Model United Nations Conference. My name is LeAnna Christensen, and I am honored to serve as the Director of Press Corps. I am a sophomore at Kennesaw State University pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business. I plan on continuing my education by receiving my Master's degree in International Business from a university outside of the United States and then eventually owning my own cosmetic brand. I have been in Model United Nations for four years now, two in high school and two in college. This past fall I represented Estonia and the year before that I was a part of Press Corps at the Southern Regional Model United Nations in Atlanta. This is my second year on the HSMUN staff and I am greatly looking forward to meeting you all and having a great conference.

The following press organizations will be represented this year:

- **Al Jazeera**
- **CNN**
- **Fox News**
- **BBC World News**
- **Al Arabiya**
- **RT (Russia Today)**
- **The Africa Report**
- **The Korea Herald**
- **The Economist**
- **Xinhua**
- **Le Monde**
- **El Mundo**
- **The Australian**

Each news station within this committee is expected to submit a two paged max position paper which covers all of the requirements needed (listed below). The guidelines for formatting your position papers are as follows: **Maximum 2 pages, Times New Roman font, size 10-12, singled spaced, spaces between paragraphs and not indented, all headings should be bold and size 12 font, paper should be saved as "News Organization Name Press Corps"** (ex. **LeMondePressCorps** or **AlJazeeraPressCorps**), **topics/requirements can be in paragraph or numerated form, and citation style is up to the reporter but must be footnotes (no citation/work cited page)**. More information for properly formatting the position papers as well as valuable advice for writing a quality paper can be found on our website <http://hsmun.hss.kennesaw.edu/> or by contacting the Director of your committee. Please do note that if a second paper is submitted, it will not be considered.

Plagiarism in an academic setting is unacceptable and will nullify any and all scores for the paper in question. The objective of a position paper is to present your news organization in the best possible light, all while keeping as close to your organization's biases as possible. When researching for your position papers and preparing for this committee, I highly encourage you to carefully read this background guide and utilize the resources I have provided for you. The research guide contains information that will benefit you not only for your work in Press Corps at this conference, but for your potential future studies as well.

Each news station should include the following information in their position paper:

- 1. The history of the news agency;**
- 2. The general bias of the agency, especially in regards to major current events;**
- 3. The manner in which you, as a representative of the agency, will approach the topics covered in each committee.**

During sessions, reporters will be free to move between committees and collect information, write content, and submit their work to the director for edits. When at conference, each reporter will be expected to write "stories"

based on what is happening in the simulation committees listed below. Reporters will take the information they find through “researching” and interviewing delegates of each committee and then write a report with the bias of their news organization. One example would be if the GA 3rd talked about women’s rights to an abortion. Fox News would have a more conservative view on the subject than CNN. It is critical that delegates know their organization’s biases, as it is the only way to truly represent the station.

### ***Committees and Topics***

There will be 10 committees (not including Press Corps) this year at KSU’s High School Model United Nation Conference. The following topics are to be discussed in these committees:

- **General Assembly Plenary (GA Plen)**
  1. Promoting Universal Access for Sustainable and Modern Energy
  2. Mobilizing Inclusive Partnerships for Sustainable Development
- **General Assembly First (GA 1st)**
  1. Nuclear Disarmament
  2. Ensuring the Protection of Human rights and Fundamental Freedoms While Countering Terrorism
- **General Assembly Third (GA 3rd)**
  1. Preventing Gender Based Violence
  2. Developing a Strategy to Prevent the Radicalization of Youth
- **Security Council (SC)**
  1. Combating Piracy on the High Seas
  2. Preventative Measures Against the Use of Biological Weapons and Bioterrorism
- **African Union (AU)**
  1. Promoting Sustainable Ecosystems and Climate Resilient Economies: Aspirations and Implementations
  2. Developing Strategies to Protect Infrastructures in Times of Conflict
- **Arab League (AL)**
  1. Developing Strategies to Settle Water Sharing Disputes between Arab States and between Arab States and non-Arab Neighbors
  2. Promoting Expansion in Non-Petroleum Sectors of the Economy
- **Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC)**
  1. Improving Sanitation and Access to Clean Water
  2. Promoting Sustainable Peace by Addressing the Root Causes of Conflict
- **Commission on Population and Development (CPD)**
  1. Re-purposing Abandoned and Unused Facilities
  2. Improving Access to Health Services
- **Human Rights Council (HRC)**
  1. Promoting the Livelihoods and Education of Refugees and Displaced Persons
  2. Preventing Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation
- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
  1. Developing a Unified Pandemic Response Plan
  2. Ensuring Access to Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services

Since this is a writing based committee, it is expected that all reporters have some form of laptop or tablet that has access to the internet and some form of word processor (Microsoft Word, Apple Pages, Google Docs, etc.). Another useful resource for all reporters will be some type of camera. A professional camera is preferred, but most smartphones have adequate cameras. It is recommended each reporter bring their own camera, but your Director will have one available for student use as well. Cameras will be used for capturing pictures that pertain to the stories and

articles reporters create. All pictures must be professional. If there is any evidence of misconduct with camera use, the reporter(s) responsible will be removed from the conference and will be reported to the authorities.

Tips for reporting:

- Make sure to quote delegates word-for-word and get the countries they represent correctly. If you're interviewing them, you can ask them to repeat a phrase in order to write it down.
- If the delegate is comfortable with it, you may record their interview. You must ask then first.
- Prepare interview questions ahead of time, and avoid yes-or-no questions, as these generally produce less information.
- Try taking candid pictures, rather than a still portrait. It makes your articles look more official and interactive.
- Introduce yourself to all the chairs of the committees. It looks more professional on your part. They also can point you in the right direction on who to talk to and fill you in on what is happening in their committee.
- Organize all notes by committee and by topic. It will make it easier to write your reports and to keep track on what is going on in the committees.
- Look over the background guides for the committees you plan on visiting. It will give you some basic knowledge of what is happening in the committee and allow you go into the committee and get the questions you need.

Reporters will not be judged on how many pieces they write, but the quality of the writing. Make sure each piece represents the best possible written work you can produce. Your dais will help each reporter as much as possible to improve their work, but it is ultimately up to the individual reporter to make sure their articles represent their highest level of written skills.

Your dais looks forward to meeting each and every one of the reporters this year in Press Corps. We hope to see great things happen in this committee and can't wait for an amazing conference.