United Nations Day Celebration 2013

The UALR International Simulations Association invites local high schools to come celebrate United Nations Day annually on the UALR campus. This year’s U.N. Day celebration will take place on Friday, October 25. U.N. Day at UALR promises a day of fun and interactive learning for students. Events include mock United Nations sessions where students pretend to be actual U.N. ambassadors representing various countries, an essay contest, a presentation on a current event, and an international trivia contest.

To sign your school up, please fill out the form below. There will be a small registration fee of $20 per school to help offset some of the costs for hosting this event. However, the Middle Eastern Studies program at UALR able to provide fee waivers for any schools that need them. For more information, please contact Joshua Thomsen at jcthomsen@ualr.edu.

Schedule of Events
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Registration
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM: Opening Statements
9:45 AM – 11:30 AM: Mock U.N. session
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Lunch
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM: International Issues Trivia Challenge
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Keynote Address and essay award presentation

Opening statements will be from Professor of Political Science at UALR Dr. Rebecca Glazier and President of the Model UN student organization at UALR Miguel Lopez. Keynote address by UALR Professor of Political Science Dr. Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm. Students will be responsible for their own lunches. There are many options to choose from in the UALR cafeteria.

Essay Contest
This year, thanks to a grant from the UALR College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, we will be having an essay contest with a cash prize for the best essay. Essays should answer the following question:

“Should the global community intervene in political revolutions where human rights violations have been reported?”

Essays must be 1,000 words long and turned in during registration. Prize will be awarded during after the keynote address.

Here is this year’s winning essay: UN Day Essay 2013

Committee Sessions
Students will be randomly given a country to represent in a mock U.N. committee session. In this session, students will choose which topic to debate from the following:

- Addressing the situation in Syria
- Addressing the situation in North Korea
- Advancing women’s participation in mediation and peace processes