

Paging for



Volunteering

So what even is paging? What's Model United Nations (Model UN)? How do these things even relate?

Model UN is a simulation done by high school and college students to “model” the debate of the United Nations. Solutions to issues from world health care to terrorist attacks to free trade are debated in the Model UN. Students represent a variety of countries on each matter and work with other students from many other schools to make sure that a cooperative solution to a global issue can be reached.

When the countries are working together, they have to sit in the same room and, at times, remain silent for speakers so that they receive the full attention of the group. Some students, however, still want to communicate with other students during this time. This requires the silent passing of paper notes to inform others about what their country thinks on a certain issue. **This is where pages come in.**

Because it would be disruptive for all of the students to walk around the room to give notes to others, pages work to make sure that the notes flow effectively and—most importantly—quietly. This helps give the due respect to the speakers and also guarantees that communication between countries is not blocked.

Paging at a Model UN conference also gives younger students the opportunity to watch Model UN in action before they're even part of the high school club. Pages almost always report enjoying the experience and learning a great deal about the world by listening to discussions on real issues that affect the world today. That being said, pages also tend to be people who are interested in global politics and foreign relations, many of whom join Model UN when they enter high school. Nonetheless, everyone is welcome to come to our conference and try being a page!

Requirements

- Pages will have to arrive **at SUNY POLY on December 14 at 8:30 am.** The conference will continue until 5:00 pm. Pages will need to be present at the conference for the entire time.
- The time spent assisting at the conference can be accredited as volunteer hours toward community service requirements for various organizations such as National Junior Honor Society, religion class, etc. To receive a signature, please see conference adviser (Mr. Smith) before or after the conference.
- Pages must come dressed in Western business attire. That means a dress shirt, neat pants (no jeans), a tie, and the option of wearing a suit jacket or sweater for boys. For girls, Western business attire requires a nice dress, skirt, or pantsuit. A general rule to follow is: *Western business attire is what you would wear to a school concert or banquet.*
- Cell phone use during the conference is not permitted except during the lunch break. Lunch at the SUNY Poly dining hall is paid for by the conference as an expression of gratitude for the time that pages spend helping make the conference a success.
- Pages must provide their own transportation to and from SUNY POLY. They are more than welcome to come with other students if possible, but they still must arrive by 8:30 am.



Timeline of December 8 for Pages

- **8:30 am:** Arrive at SUNY POLY and come into Kunsela Hall. Drake Dowd (*see picture on the right*) will be waiting in the front lobby to welcome all pages and lead them to our meeting room. In the meeting room you will receive your committee assignments and meet the students (called chairs) who are in charge of your committee.
- **8:55 am:** When instructed, as a group of pages you will enter the auditorium and sit near the exit in your reserved seats. At the end of the opening ceremony, when the chairs of your committee are introduced and leave the auditorium, follow them to your committee room. You'll be paging in the committee room until lunch begins. If you have to leave for anything (bathroom, you forgot something in the meeting room, etc...) let your chairs know about it and take care of that now.
- **11:55 am:** At 11:55 am, Drake Dowd will come to each committee and escort the pages to the campus dining hall where you will enjoy a free college lunch. For pages, lunch will be held between 12:00-1:00 pm. Pages are encouraged to eat with each other, but are also welcome to sit with their chairs and/or delegates that they know.
- **12:35 pm-1:10 pm:** During this time, pages are invited to attend a workshop that will help you learn more about Model UN and the United Nations Association that sponsors our conference! If you have even a little interest in making Model UN a part of your future, this workshop is a must to attend. If you prefer, however, you may return to your committee room to continue paging for your assigned committee.
- **12:35 pm-4:00 pm:** Pages who attend the GenUN workshop will return to committee with your chairs for the final session. Afterward, you'll be led by your chairs to the original meeting room.
- **4:00 pm-4:25 pm:** During this time snacks will be available in the lobby outside the meeting room. Feel free to enjoy the snacks; however, please eat them at the table in the meeting room where the chairs brought you.
- **4:25 pm:** When instructed, as a group of pages you will enter the auditorium and sit near the exit where you'll get to see closing ceremonies. There is no food allowed in the auditorium.
- **4:30 pm-5:00 pm:** Closing ceremonies will be conducted, and the conference staff (including all the pages!) will be thanked for all their help. Afterward, you'll be free to leave with the ride that you have arranged ahead of time.

Contact Information

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