

MODEL UN

Notre Dame High School, Fairfield

2023-2024 PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount: \$3,000
Project Cost: \$10,000



20 Students Impacted
Grades 10-12

PURPOSE: This project permitted the Notre Dame Model United National (MUN) group to attend the MUN conference at Yale University as well as the Global Citizens conference in New York. The Notre Dame MUN group brings to Yale a unique perspective rooted in an understanding of economic barriers and the power of Catholicism to unite a diverse body of students. The challenging and engaging experiences of MUN, and particularly those of the 4-day Yale conference, are fundamental to the development and success of promising students. Students are assigned a country they research for a month and are presented with a variety of political, economic, social and environmental issues that they must solve through international cooperation and negotiations.

IMPACT: In its second year, the school's MUN club grew from eight members to thirty members. Students want to learn how to be an expert on a topic, how to create an effective argument, research, and most importantly, to communicate effectively. The group is motivated to learn public speaking, research skills, argumentation, confidence, and communication skills. Refining these skills can change the course of their educational experience and future prospects. Students learned important skills for life and noted improved argumentation and confidence in public speaking.

FUTURE PLANS: The program will continue and the club is expected to grow. The school will continue to fund raise and apply for grants to help offset costs.

