



# INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Chris Talamo, Executive Director of the International Model United Nations Association (IMUNA). I am writing this letter on behalf of Nathan Balk King, founder of MUN: Indigenous, to support his work to bring global issues education to Native American students across the United States. Nathan is organizing a group of students to attend the National High School Model United Nations Conference (NHSMUN), the world's largest high school MUN conference. Each year, the NHSMUN conference attracts the world's best debaters and brings them together with the leaders of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), UN ambassadors, and top academic thinkers.

At MUN conferences, students step into the shoes of UN diplomats and experience first-hand the challenges of global diplomacy. Students are each assigned a country to represent and a UN committee to simulate, engaging in deep research about two topics on that committee's agenda. Once at the conference, students debate these topics with their peers from all over the world, each representing a different country, and they strive to find areas for compromise among their differing policies. In the process of simulating the UN, the students discover new things about themselves and their role in addressing the great issues the world faces today.

Nathan has experienced the transformational effect that NHSMUN has on students first-hand, serving as a delegate at the 2018 NHSMUN conference. He has taken initiative that far exceeds his peers by seeking to include underrepresented communities in future conferences. Nathan recognizes the importance of spreading global issues education, and IMUNA has offered Nathan and MUN: Indigenous its full support to bring MUN education to Native American communities. This year, we are proud to be simulating the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the first time, and we are working closely with Nathan to ensure that Native American voices are included in this new space. We look forward to our continued work with MUN: Indigenous and supporting its important mission.

If you would like any further information or have questions about NHSMUN, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [registration.nhsmun@imuna.org](mailto:registration.nhsmun@imuna.org). Attending NHSMUN is a unique opportunity for the students to enhance their knowledge and experience with modern global conflicts, and I thank you in advance for your assistance and support of this great program.

Sincerely,

Chris Talamo  
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