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A RECENT SUCCESS

Our recent success prompted us to broaden our intellect and kick off the newsletter on social media platforms, which gathered breathtaking response.

Our current issue mainly talks about the amazing achievements done by the school to maintain an unprecedented NOSMUN conference, and gaining recognition across coasts and borders.

WELCOME TO ISSUE III!

After two wonderful issues with non-stop positive feedback, we bring to you...the third issue!

Q: What is 'Evolve'?

Evolve is a student affairs newsletter, run by the students with the help of the school to create a new and unique first-ever project. We're centered on the aim to keep everyone affiliated with the National Orthodox School and beyond aware of the ongoing stories and achievements.

Q: How many members are there in Evolve?

The number of members in Evolve currently sits at 26. We are composed around an editor-in-chief, president, heads, deputies, journalists, photographers, interviews, designers, and more.

Q: What new projects have been launched?

We launched a 'Humans of NOS' project where we interview students, teachers, or anyone in the school.

*With one another, we will aim for the highest of mountains,
and never to encounter the lowest of achievements*

A MESSAGE FROM MS. MAY

Dear all,

This is our third issue of the 2015-2016 school year. It was really a great pleasure to receive such a great positive feedback from the students, parents and teachers. This issue is fully written and managed by our students.

We have dedicated this issue to the NOS MUN great achievements.

We are so proud of our beloved students.





NOSMUN 2016 has undoubtedly been one of NOSMUN's most successful MUN conferences, with roughly 400 attendees -140 NOS attendees- each placed in nine different committees. There was an undeniably steady flow of debate that yielded the ripest results. Nothing could quite compare to the sweet taste of success (mingled with the bitterness of melancholy) the team could taste on their tongues when the conference was over. It wasn't an easy journey, as organizing such a conference required determination, and most importantly recognizable effort.



NOSMUN'16 Preparations

The NOSMUN secretariat team was first established during one sweltering hot day as September drew to a close. The team consisted of thirty-one students who strived to organize a prosperous conference, led by Danial Imseeh and Ramz Fattaleh in concern to the conference. Thus began the work – choosing the perfect venue, setting up sponsorship deals, choosing topics for the upcoming conference, and more. A crisis that would be introduced to the delegates in order to test their quick mindedness and wit was carefully woven after overcoming the obstacles that stood in their way.

By December, the conference was closer than ever, and the team could hardly contain their excitement, despite the overwhelming amount of work they were suddenly face with. The team spent countless sleepless nights designing each plaque card and badge one by one, in spite of the exams they had to face. Undeniably, the preparation never stopped as each team member aided in readying plaque cards, badges, and folders for each delegate until the few

Before we knew it, the conference had begun. The seed we carefully planted began to sprout, and grew as each delegate entered the room. However, that didn't mean that the work was done, there were still resolutions to proofread while helping delegates locate missing items, leaving the team with yet another sleepless night. The work continued throughout the conference –printing resolutions, replacing the occasional badge, rushing from committee to committee ensuring that everyone was satisfied with the supplies they required

When NOSMUN finally came to a close, words could not explain how the secretariat team felt to be covered with the cape of triumph at the knowledge that they had managed to construct such a beautifully organized conference. There was of course the crown of nostalgia at the thought of their beloved conference coming to an end; a conference that one would look back on and smile at the memories created which would be permanently etched into their minds.

Schools Attended

The National Orthodox School invited and then received a grand total of 400 attendees. Apart from the NOS, these 400 people came from the New English School, Asriyya, International Amman Academy, Amman Bac-



calaureate School, Modern American School, Ra'ed Al-Arabi School and the Ahliyyeh





Venue

After many hours of critical and decisive thinking, as parallel to finding the most suitable location, the conference team which was led by the venue officers Ghazi Karadsheh and Fadi Baqleh in this perspective found the perfect hotel: Sheraton. The Sheraton offered the NOSMUN team various large professional rooms, as well as interesting takes for the committees' looks. The platform was ready for NOSMUN'16 to take place January 28-30 in the Sheraton.



Keynote Speakers

As part of the opening ceremony, the NOSMUN team entertained two keynote speakers: Ms. Lina Khalifa and Rana Hussein. Both speakers inspired the 400 members in the room, motivated them, and shared their stories on how they got to where they



Theme - Demand for Identity

“As many chances and opportunities await in 2016, we hope the year will be filled with joy and advancements for everyone. However, we can't help but look back to the events that took place in 2015. We like to think that 2015 was 'The Year of Identity' due to the many events which allowed people to express their beliefs. We all remember when people identified themselves through social media and hashtags to show their support or opposition towards worldwide issues, such as the debate on the refugee crisis or the unfortunate Paris attacks, as well as issues including the protests against racial profiling and fire arm rights. That's why our theme for NOSMUN'16 is 'The Demand for Identity'.

We identify as today's youth, and we believe in our right and responsibility to speak our minds for the truth, as well as our ability to make changes in favor of the world. We disagree with the thought that we are the leaders of the future, because our strength and relentlessness gives us the ability to make changes today. We as youth are not only working towards a better future, but we take it upon ourselves to fight for the identity of those who have lost theirs. With determined minds, we must work together to make every voice heard, and every human equally recognized and valued.”





Committees

Now to state more specifically about the committees of our glorious achievement, we may start by saying that without a singular doubt that the 9 committees were not even remotely close to what the secretariat team of NOSMUN initially though they'd be as all the committees proved even better than what an optimist can dream of..

To cut the opening ribbon, we can start with the most notable committee in any M.U.N conference, the **General Assembly**. Housing roughly more than sixty delegates, this committee proved to be as effective as ever.. Showing that even with such a high number of delegates present in one room order, control and pristine debate can be achieved no matter how much effort is put in by the delegates, the chairs and the president.



Now moving onward, we are safe to say that even though the **Human Rights Council** and the **Economic and Social Council** had an excessive number of delegates than the secretariats had ever thought possible. However, by the aid of divine power, the great expertise of the chairs and presidents, and the outstanding professionalism of the delegates, in the eyes of the newsletter, the school and everyone involved: they were an amazing success.



Now the notorious **Disarmament Commission**, as per usual, did not fail to cover the expectation of the secretariat team of being, like in every conference: he loudest, most hyper and one of the most hardworking committees in the entire conference. Even though it is a relatively small committee, it has proved over the course of three days that even the smallest of committees can create the loudest of sounds to ring across the sea of space and time.



New additions to NOSMUN that also prove the same conclusion the Disarmament Commission has are the **Council of European Union** and the **Commission on Narcotic Drugs**. The Council of European Union, focusing on the troubles and issues of the continent of Europe, delegates must strive to achieve the perfect harmonic motion for Europe to remain standing. The Commission of Narcotic Drugs focuses more on how drugs gave affected the world negatively, such as the drug war and methamphetamine and its negativities. Let's just hope someone takes into consideration the amazing solution the delegates came up with in real world politics.



Now begins the committees of hardship and brilliance in intellectual mind starting with the usual **Security Council**. Taking topics that the United Nations' Security Council, the delegates in this committee must face issues that the United Nations themselves are struggling with, representing some of the most powerful countries in the world they must take the role of actual ambassadors of the United Nations to truly face the challenges that stood in their path.

Then the committee like non other, **The International Court of Justice**. Being a good delegate here won't suffice, to truly be a brilliant advocate in the ICC, one must harness the ability to twist



facts and loopholes to their own advantage from standpoint of international law to attempt and succeed in either destroying competition or defending against the opposition. Either way, only a true lawyer can begin to withstand the strength of the ICC advocates and justices.





Thus comes the final and possibly the most challenging committee: the **Crisis Security Council**. With the most intellectual of delegates battling their breaths away on one podium for an unknown crisis that they were given in the blink of an eye at the day of the conference. All they had for defense was their strategical minds and their ability to adapt to any situation, proving that even the youngest of minds varying from 14 to 17, can prove to have the mentality of true world leaders, so we can safely presume that it had very heated debate that was so exciting that even the President and Deputy Presidents couldn't help themselves but be a part of.



Sponsors

Led sponsorship officers Michel Sindaha and Laith Musharbash, the NOSMUN attracted various sponsors, such as:

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Media

With Ghaida AlSaket and Farah Ashqar at the helm, the media office for NOSMUN consisted of 7 total members. Social media platforms ranged across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat, with the title 'NOSMUN'. A formal website was also created and named www.nosmun.net. This helped include coverage of the conference, as well as showcasing the images taken and day-by-day updates for the event.

Members

All in all, the NOSMUN 2015-2016 team has 30 members who put in the effort to reach the highest of mountains. The labels cross Secretary General, Head of Conference Committee, Finance Office, Catering Office, Sponsorship Office, Venue Office, Crisis office, Admin office, Security office, Media office, International Affairs office, IT office and Junior-MUN. Deputies are also present alongside the main heads. These 30 members are accompanied by MUN director Tamara Katami and MUN coordinator Duaa Al Daboubi

EVOLVE



From NOS To Japan

Kira Yaghnam is a student who is currently undergoing her seventh year in school. Her hobbies vary across playing the piano, getting some hoops in with basketball, and more. However, one of her most crucial hobbies which gathered her attention was drawing.

In an art content in Japan which consisted of a grand tally of 83 astonishing participating countries, Kira earned an honorable mention for her breathtaking drawing.

The drawing, as she described it, talked about the pollution currently undertaking our lovable planet and the negatives it hands to humanity. In her words, Kira said that it showcases nature and what could be if we save it.

The school's art coordinator, Nisreen Qandah, stated that many students participate and win awards locally or externally, alongside Kira. She also expressed her proudness of all age groups in the school in concern to art.

The school is honored to have such amazing students who never cease to impress us even more and more.

Humans of NOS

As expressed previously in this issue, we have decided to start a new project inside this newsletter, called 'Humans of NOS.' We interview anyone affiliated in the school and get their opinions on certain subjects.

Here are 12th grader, Rama Sabaneh's words of advice when asked:

"Don't give up on your beliefs, they are what make you the person you are today, but always be open to EVERYTHING new."

11th grader Michel Sindaha on the other hand, replied with this when questioned about any role model of his:

"I don't think that I need that. I think that I make some pretty solid choices and decisions on my own so that's enough for me. I probably should've studied for my Chemistry exam the other day but whatever."

As usual, NOS students always give professional yet humoristic flavors.

Check Our Social Media

Platforms!

To see more content of ours, more updates on our newsletter, behind-the-scenes and extra, then please check out our newly-published Facebook page titled 'Evolve: A National Orthodox School Newsletter'.

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