



*Thirty-first Annual*  
**Southwest Florida  
Model United Nations Conference**

**March 4-5, 2024**

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# **Southwest Florida Model United Nations**

## **COMMITTEES and AGENDA**

### **Emerging Crisis**

#### ***Delivering Humanitarian Assistance to Conflict Zones***

*Co-Chair: Ethan Upson*

*AB9*

*Co-Chair: Liam Casco*

*Room 214*

*Co-Chair: Marco Albertorio*

### **Disarmament & Security** ***Peacemaking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;*** ***Military Stabilization***

*Co-Chair: Katherine Suero*

*AB9*

*Co-Chair: Tessa Barber*

*Room 113*

### **UN Office on Drugs and Crime**

#### ***The Synthetic Opioid Crisis; Drug & Crime Cartels & Syndicates: Is Military Response Warranted?***

*Chair: Clarisse Fontes*

*Sugden Hall*

*Vice Chair: Ana Maria Reyes*

*Room 208*

### **UN Human Rights Committee**

#### ***UNCA/IFJ: Int'l Protection and Human Rights of Journalists***

*Chair: Malani Plancher*

*AB9*

*Vice Chair: Mia Shaffery*

*Room 207*

### **World Health Organization**

#### ***Establishing New Protocols & Rules for Major Epidemics and Plagues***

*Chair: Surya Dodia*

*AB9*

*Vice Chair: Sophia Iregul*

*Room 111*

### **Human Rights / INTERPOL** ***Combating Human Trafficking & Protecting the Rights of Victims***

*Chair: Julia Zuercher*

*Sugden Hall*

*Vice Chair: Sarah Mill*

*Room 240*

**UN Food & Agriculture Org**  
***Placing Curbs on Factory Farming***

Chair: Noelle Morey AB9  
Vice Chair: Emily Mims Room 220-B

**UNESCO**

***A Lost Generation: Managing the Impact of  
COVID-19 on Global Education***

Chair: Amy Enberg AB9  
Vice Chair: Julianna Perez Room 220-A

**International Monetary Fund**  
***Updating the International Financial  
and Monetary System***

Chair: Evan Newland AB9  
Vice Chair: Lauren Major Room 211

**International Maritime Org**  
***Regulating Air Emissions and  
Dumping of Waste for International Shipping***

Chair: Chandler Zuck AB9  
Vice Chair: Cameron Kelber Room 112

**UN Convention on Law of the Sea**  
***Deep Sea Mining; Managing Natural Resources  
for Renewable Energy through a New Ocean Treaty***

Chair: Aayush Singh AB9  
Vice Chair: Gabriel Penton Room 209

**International Telecommunications Union**  
***Developing Standards for Use of AI for Social Media  
Such as ChatGPT, 3-D Printing and Other Applications***

Co-Chair: Caleb Brasington Sugden Hall  
Co-Chair: Danielle Witte Room 209

# Conference Schedule

## Monday, March 4

7:00 **Einstein's Bagels - Cohen Student Union**

- 3:00 *Cash sales only*

8:00 **Registration opens**

*Judges, Chairs - Lobby of Cohen Student Union*

*All others – Cohen Student Union, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 247*

8:00 **Judges & Chairs Breakfast**

*Cohen Student Union, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 214*

9:00 **Opening Session**

- 9:30 *Cohen Student Union Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*

### **Welcome**

*Alan Van Egmond, Chairman*

*Southwest Florida Model United Nations*

*Mark Schwab, President*

*Naples Council on World Affairs*

*Dr. Aysegul Timur, President*

*Florida Gulf Coast University*

### **Recognition of Schools and Coaches**

*Alan Van Egmond*

### **Call to Order**

*Dr. Richard Coughlin, Assoc. Professor, Political Science*

*Florida Gulf Coast University*

9:30 **Committee Meetings**

- 12:00

9:30 **Coaches/Advisors Breakfast**

*The UnMod Lounge (AB9 Room 222)*

### **Lunch**

12:00 *Judges, Chairs, Coaches, Guests – The Unmod Lounge  
(AB9 Room 222)*

- 1:00 *Delegates - AB9 lobby (dining in AB9, Rms 106 and 138)*

1:00 **Committee Meetings**

- 4:00

4:00 **Adjournment for the Day**

## **Tuesday, March 5**

- 7:00 **Einstein's Bagels - Cohen Student Union**  
- 3:00 *Cash sales*
- 8:30 **Judges, Chairs, Coaches, Staff - Breakfast available**  
- 10:00 *The UnMod Lounge (AB9 Room 222 )*
- 9:00 **Committee Meetings**  
- 12:00
- 12:00 **Lunch**  
- 1:00 *Judges, Chairs, Coaches – Unmod Lounge (AB9 Room 222)*  
*Delegates - AB9 lobby (dining in AB9 Rms 106 and 138)*
- 1:00 **Committee Meetings** (Final Resolutions)  
- 2:30 *(Coaches may not be present in committee Rooms)*
- 1:30 **Coaches Meeting with Alan Van Egmond**  
- 2:30 *The UnMod Lounge (AB9 Room 222)*
- 2:30 **Debriefing** (Delegates and Judges)  
- 3:20 *Chairs will moderate an open discussion*
- 3:30 **Closing Ceremonies**  
*Cohen Student Union Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*  
*Alan Van Egmond, SWFLMUN Chairman*
- Special Competition Winners Announced**
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker**  
Howard Cohen
- Keynote Speaker**  
Daniela Barata
- Recognition of Those Who Made it Happen**
- Presentation of Awards**  
*Please refer to the information elsewhere in this program for additional details on the awards.*
- 5:00 **Conference Adjournment**  
*Dr. Richard Coughlin*

### **Delegate dining seating is available in AB9 Rooms 106 & 138**

Additional seating (no tables) is available in the Ballroom and the gallery area outside the Ballroom, as well as a variety of locations around campus.





## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

### **Daniela Barata**

Daniela's experience with SWFLMUN began in 2016 at Cape Coral High School, where she led her team to first place in that year's special contest, the Syrian Refugee competition. However, she attributes her successes to her parents' sacrifices. Born in Havana, Cuba, Daniela was destined for a life of poverty. Her parents beat all odds and fled to Chile, where they lived for Daniela's young childhood and eventually made it to the United States. From her experiences abroad, Daniela recognized the importance of transportation in allowing for socioeconomic progress in under-resourced communities. Alongside her teammates, she brought her theoretical SWFLMUN project to life, organizing a successful bike-a-thon fundraiser. Generous support from donors, including the NCWA, Mo Winograd, and Nancy and Howard Cohen, facilitated the delivery of 600 bicycles to orphans in Lesotho through the nonprofit "Working Bikes."

Graduating with an International Baccalaureate diploma in 2017 from Cape Coral High School, Daniela continued her academic journey at Johns Hopkins University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Post-graduation, Daniela completed a research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, delving into the molecular mechanisms of aging. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she actively engaged in public health initiatives at Johns Hopkins Hospital, contributing to health literacy campaigns for Spanish speakers.

Currently in her first year as a medical student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Daniela is set to earn her Medical Degree (M.D.) in 2027. While contributing to research on skin cancer chemoprevention, Daniela stays committed to local initiatives at Hopkins free clinics, focusing on recognizing and addressing healthcare disparities for Latinos in Baltimore. Transitioning from global advocacy in MUN to medicine, Daniela aims to dedicate her nuanced global perspectives to positively impacting her patients' lives as a compassionate physician-advocate.



# 2024 SWFL Model UN Awards

**SPECIAL COMPETITION AWARDS** – Given to the three Model UN clubs that present the best proposals for this year’s topic, International Migration.

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500 - Howard and Nancy Cohen Award

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$350 - Mickey and Mo Winograd Award

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$300 – Patrick Mattingly and Jill Force Award

## **LYNN KNOX SWFLMUN COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

– Given to the Faculty Coach who best exemplifies the highest standards of excellence and empowerment in supporting their Model UN Team \$700 (*Patrick Mattingly and Jill Force*)

**POSITION PAPER AWARDS** – Presented to the authors of the best position papers. All participants are eligible.

Barbara Markel Memorial Award (1<sup>st</sup> place) - \$2,500

Ron Gymer Memorial Award (2<sup>nd</sup> place) - \$2,000

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$1,500 (*Naples Council on World Affairs*)

4<sup>th</sup> place - \$1000 (*Janet Markel*)

5<sup>th</sup> place - \$800 (*Naples Council on World Affairs*)

6<sup>th</sup> place - \$600 (*Jan and Mike Ian \$500, anonymous \$100*)

7<sup>th</sup> place - \$500 (*Sue Bookbinder*)

8<sup>th</sup> place - \$400 (*Judi Palay*)

9<sup>th</sup> place - \$300 (*Marvin and Helaine Lender*)

10<sup>th</sup> place - \$200 (*Paula Himowitz*)

**BEST IN COMMITTEE** – The “gavel award” is given to the delegate with the highest total score from this year’s competition in each committee. (*Position paper required.*) - engraved gavel

**BEST SINGLE YEAR PERFORMANCE** – Awarded to the delegate who garners the most points this year. (*Position paper required.*) - \$2,000 (*Howard and Nancy Cohen*)

**BEST SINGLE YEAR PERFORMANCE BY A JUNIOR** – Awarded to the junior who garners the most points this year. (*Position paper required.*) - \$1,500 (*Janet Markel*)

**BEST SINGLE YEAR PERFORMANCE BY A SOPHOMORE –**

Awarded to the sophomore who garners the most points this year.

*(Position paper required.) - \$1,000 (Naples Council on World Affairs)*

**BEST SINGLE YEAR PERFORMANCE BY A FRESHMAN –**

Awarded to the freshman who garners the most points this year.

*(Position paper required.) - \$ 500 (Rollin Crawford)*

**THE MO WINOGRAD OUTSTANDING DELEGATE AWARD**

Awarded to the delegate with the best single-year performance who did not win a Multiyear Performance Award and is not a student at one of the “top schools.” This delegate need not be a senior but must have submitted a position paper. - \$1,500 *(Robert and Joelle Roussel)*

**STUDENT DELEGATE CAUCUS AWARDS –**

Awarded by the judges to the delegates whose special leadership and team building skills “behind the scenes” were especially noteworthy to help forge agreement across divides and resolve divergent positions within committees. - \$1,500 to be apportioned among awardees

*(Richard and Kay Ryder, \$1,000; Dick and Judith Clemens, \$500 )*

**MULTIYEAR PERFORMANCE AWARDS –**

Awarded to seniors based on cumulative points earned by the recipients through all years of participation in SWFLMUN. A position paper and a minimum of two years of participation are mandatory.

Ralph J. Bunche Award: \$6,500

Amb. Gregor Zore Memorial Award: \$2,500 *(Edith Hunt)*

Ron Gymer Memorial Award: \$2,500 *(Marianne Gymer)*

Mimi Gregory Award: \$2,500 *(Naples Council on World Affairs)*

Thomas J O’Gorman Memorial Award: \$2,000

*(Maureen O’Gorman)*

David and Beverly Worthington Award: \$2,000

Jinny and John Johnson Award: \$2,000

George Gotschall Memorial Award: \$1,500

Iqbal and Shelby Mamdani Award: \$1,500

**TOP SCHOOLS** – Awarded to the schools with the highest average delegate scores in this year's competition

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$1,000 (*Edith Hunt*)

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$700 (*Edith Hunt*)

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$300 (*Edith Hunt*)

**DIANA MCGOWEN MOST IMPROVED SCHOOL AWARD** –

Awarded to the school with the greatest year-over-year increase in average delegate score - \$500 (*Edith Hunt*)

**MODEL UNITED NATIONS SUMMER STUDY AWARD  
TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, CANADA**

Awarded to the most promising MUN summer study applicant selected by the NCWA School Outreach Review Board -

**\$3,800 awarded to Laura Santos** (Aubrey Rogers High School)

(*Jeanette and Herbert Evert, \$2,500; Kishor Kulkarian, \$500;*

*Bonnie and Dennis Parass, \$300; Mark Schwab \$250;*

*Julie and Alan Van Egmond \$250*)

**MODEL UNITED NATIONS SUMMER STUDY AWARD TO  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Awarded to the most promising MUN summer study applicant selected by the NCWA School Outreach Review Board –

**\$3,500 awarded to Aaron Pryear** (Gulf Coast High School)

(*Anonymous contribution, \$3,000; Mary Gately, \$500*)



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# The RALPH BUNCHE Award



**Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche**

*b. 7 Aug 1904 (Detroit, MI)*

*d. 9 Dec 1971 (New York, NY)*

**Ralph Bunche** was largely raised by his grandmother, who moved the family to Los Angeles in 1918. Ralph was an excellent student and became valedictorian of his high school, then graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA in 1927. He attended graduate school at Harvard where he earned both a master's degree and a doctorate in political science.

While still in grad school, Ralph began teaching at Howard University in Washington D.C. where he was professor and founding head of the Political Science Department. He then began working for the Office of Strategic Services (a predecessor to the CIA) and in 1943 was transferred to the U. S. State Department. In 1945 he played an integral role in the drafting of the charter for the newly formed United Nations organization.

Dr. Bunche went on to become chief mediator between the Israelis and Palestinians and for this work was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950, making him the first African American to be so honored. In 1963, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President John F. Kennedy. He was appointed Under-Secretary-General of the UN in 1968.

The Ralph Bunche Award was originally established in 2018 by Richard Clemens with a \$2,000 donation to which a few others added to bring it to \$2,750. In 2020 it increased to \$5,500 and became our top award. This year, at \$6,500, it remains our top award.

## 2024 Contributors to the Ralph Bunche Award

Dick & Judith Clemens	\$ 2000	J. Timothy &	
Previous contributions	\$ 1300	Colette Diegel	\$ 200
Naples Council on	\$ 1000	James & Joanne Huskey	\$ 200
World Affairs		Gunther & Maria Winkler	\$ 200
Marianne Gymer	\$ 500	Lyn Newsom	\$ 150
Gary & Karen Biernesser	\$ 250	Bruce & Roberta Hobbs	\$ 100
Joe & Martha Forgiano	\$ 250	Ed and Karen Leland	\$ 100
David & Lynn Heiman	\$ 250	Martha Williams	\$ 100
		Paula Shaulis	\$ 50

### Didn't win an award? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!

Seniors who have **been accepted to FGCU** and **submitted a position paper** may apply for one of three

### **Prof. Richard W. Coughlin MUN Scholarships**

Florida Gulf Coast University has graciously extended to our participants up to three \$2,500 scholarships and Naples Council on World Affairs will add \$500 for books and other educational expenses!

The awards will be paid in two \$1,250 installments toward the Fall and Spring semesters of the freshman year, with the additional \$500 check paid directly to each winner.

To be considered, students must apply for admission to FGCU and submit their name and FGCU student UIN (assigned at the time of FGCU application) to Dr. Coughlin ([rcoughli@FGCU.edu](mailto:rcoughli@FGCU.edu)) **no later than March 20, 2024.**

The Naples Council on World Affairs wishes to acknowledge the dedication and generous donation of time and expertise by numerous individuals...

### **Model UN Leadership**

Alan Van Egmond	Chair
Mo Winograd	Vice Chair
Dennis Parass	Vice Chair/Judges
Robert Roussel	Treasurer
Beth Foss	Administrator
Paula Himowitz	Position Papers
Rick Coughlin	Academic Advisor
Chris Korkoian	Registration Chair
Martha Williams	Public Outreach
Rollin Crawford	Resolutions Review and Strategic Planning

### **Committee Judges**

Judy Baker	Edie Hunt	Earlene Ronk
Richie Badolato	Pat Jackson	Robert Roussel
Peter Borre	Jan Johnson	Richard Ryder
Howard Cohen	John Johnson	Rhona Saunders
Libbie Bramson	Chris Kardon	Betty Schwartz
Josef Brown	Jacqueline Keay	Chuck Siegel
Gayle Corbin	Fred Klinkhammer	Karen Sexton
Rollie Crawford	Craig Korkoian	Michael Smith
Linda Crescenzi	John Kovach	Dragan Stojanovic
Adam Crescenzi	Kevin McTaggart	Mary Tousignant
Elaine Crosson	Roy Moses	Mary Udell
Gary Edison	Maureen O'Gorman	Julie Van Egmond
Joanne Fowler	Judi Palay	Lillian Veri
Howard Handy	Bob Place	Mark Walchak
Richard Harrison	Bobbie Polachek	Nancy Wallace
David Heiman	John Psaras	

*Chair: Dennis Parass*

## **Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs**

Marco Albertorio	Lauren Major	Ana Maria Reyes
Tessa Barber	Sarah Mill	Mia Shaffery
Caleb Brasington	Emily Mims	Aayush Singh
Liam Casco	Noelle Morey	Katherine Suero
Surya Dodia	Evan Newland	Ethan Upson
Amy Enberg	Gabriel Penton	Danielle Witte
Clarisse Fontes	Julianna Perez	Chandler Zuck
Sophia Iregul	Malani Plancher	Julia Zuercher
Cameron Kelber		

## **School Mentor Program**

Carole Greene	Paula Himowitz	Jim Schmotter
Lynn Knox	Marvin Lender	Michael Smith
Carol La Fontaine	Patrick Mattingly	Alan Van Egmond
David Heiman	Bobbi Polachek	

School Liaison: Malani Plancher

*A position made possible by Iqbal and Shelby Mamdani*

## **Position Paper Judges**

Rollie Crawford	Edie Hunt	Michael Smith*
Elaine Crosson	Nancy Kohn	Georgina Steinsky
Francisco Figueroa	Rik Kohn	Chuck Theisen
Natalie Fisher*	Kishor Kulkarni	Don Timm
Jill Force	Paula Lockhart*	Lillian Veri
Joe Forgiano	Ruthmarie Mitsch*	Julie Van Egmond*
Joanne Fowler	Bobbi Polacheck	Greg Weber*
Melissa Frisvold	Robert Roussel	Bill Woods
Ken Hallet	Ed Serotta	Martha Williams

*Chair: Paula Himowitz*

*\* Final Readers*

## **REGISTRATION STAFF**

Nancy Cohen	Maryjo Keith	Barb Rigo
Nancy Cerbone	Joan Manghisi	Lois Samuelson
Lia Denson	Joyce Moses	Liz Skroupa
Richard Harrison	Julia Moss	Nancy Wallace
Mary Keefer	Bonnie Parass	

*Chair: Chris Korkoian*

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- Our photographer, Dennis Parass
- The members of the Naples Council on World Affairs, without whose generous contributions we could not exist



**QUESTIONS?**  
**COMMENTS?**  
**FEEDBACK?**

*You may remain anonymous.*







## Strike a Pose

Post your SWFLMUN  
best moments and be  
sure to **tag us!**

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## The SWFLMUN conference office

is located in

**Cohen Student  
Union Room 246.**

The office is open  
Monday 9:00 - 4:00  
Tuesday 8:30 - noon



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## Attention High School Sophomores

The Naples Council on World Affairs will be offering **SUMMER 2025** scholarships to rising seniors who have a strong academic record and an interest in International Relations. These fully paid scholarships will be through a Putney program at Oxford University in England, Tufts University European Center in France, and the Experiment in International Living programs in locations in Germany and elsewhere. In addition, scholarships are available to attend North American based summer programs in International Relations, International Law and National Security at such prestigious institutions as Georgetown and American Universities in Washington DC, Tufts in Boston and McGill in Montreal, Canada.

Applications must be submitted by December 15, 2024. More information is available at our website:

[Naples Council on World Affairs – School Programs \(ncwa-fl.org\)](https://ncwa-fl.org)

# The UnMod Lounge

A place for  
coaches, judges, staff and guests  
to relax and  
speak informally without time limits

The Water Building  
(AB9)

Room 222



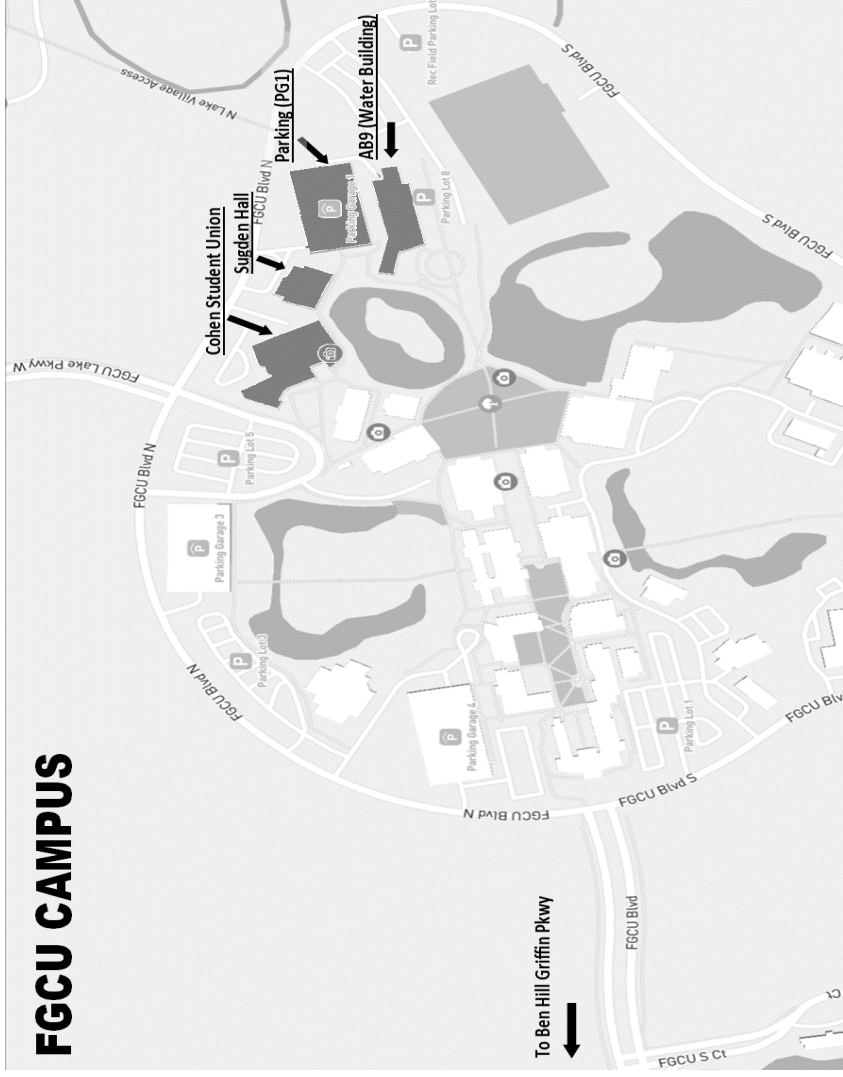
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**THANK YOU for everything you do!**

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# FGCU CAMPUS



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