ADESS MUN 2020

"On March 4 and 5, 2020, the second Model United Nations was organized by the law school of Clermont-Ferrand. Accompanied by five other classmates, we participated, we were delegates of the following countries: Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, France, United Kingdom and Venezuela. This participation was for each of us an unforgettable experience which allowed us to develop our public speaking skills, to acquire an open mind but also to meet awesome people. Despite the age difference between us and the students, they made us very comfortable and during this event we were "at home". During these two days, we debated in our committees on the subject of "prison policy", proposing and voting clauses on this subject.

The principle was simple, each delegate could propose a clause. It is a law. Of course, this text should enter the theme of prison policies. Then the committee and the delegates debated on this subject. The delegates had to put forward arguments in favor of his clause and answer the various questions. After that the committees went to the votes and the motion was adopted or not.

The most difficult part was to respect the rules of speech such as the prohibition to speak of oneself in the first person or the fact of having to see the other delegates as country representatives. But once the habit was taken everything became easier.





We exchanged with the students during the debates but also outside in a always friendly way. The positive atmosphere and the kindness of the other students allowed us to integrate easily despite our age differences. It has really been a great experience for all of us. We worked on the art of discourse and we really liked it! In addition, we have put our ability to adapt to the test to defend values that are sometimes very different from ours. The goal was indeed to represent the values of our country and not our own principles which could prove difficult with certain nations with totally different customs!

Two Massillon students were rewarded for the quality of their performance during the debates during the closing ceremony. This MUN was thus a very enriching experience for all of us that will remain in our

memories forever."

Coline B. and Marie-Liesse B. de C.

"When I joined the students for the MUN General Assembly, I was greeted by very nice students who praised the "students high school students."

I first thought they wanted to be polite and kind. But it turned out that they really enjoyed their participation in MUN. They talked about serious things and joked about others, with them, without feeling the age difference and with great pleasure.

Of the 5 prizes awarded at the closing ceremony, two were given to Massillon students. It was an unforgettable moment!

I am so proud of what they have accomplished during these 2 days, from the skills they have developed (public speaking, adaptation, listening) to the human qualities they have shown.

I would like to thank the students of social sciences / law who welcomed them and knew how to put them at ease so that they take full advantage of this wonderful experience, especially Aude (Conference Manager) who came to brief them in Massillon and guided them through the corridors of the law school and Vanessa (Secretary General of MUN) who followed them with much kindness. Vanessa has also agreed to chair two of our upcoming MUN committees, ClerMUN. "

Veronique Bayle - DNL Math Teacher - Conference Manager ClerMUN

