

# **PADERMUN GOES TO NEW YORK 2019**

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**Purpose of travel:** National Model of United Nations Conference 2019

**Location:** New York

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## **About NMUN**

The National Model United Nations (NMUN) is a non-profit organization that educates university students on being global citizens, international leaders and emulates the United Nations. Its existence traces back to 1927 at Syracuse University as Model Assembly of League of Nations. Over 5000 students from all over the world attend NMUN conferences every year.

## **About PaderMUN**

PaderMUN is refers to the Paderborn Model United Nations. It is a club at Paderborn University that prepares students on being international leaders. We always have weekly meetings for practice and learning (for this semester it is Wednesdays in J4. 219, 1-2pm).

Participation in the club teaches public speaking, English practice and offers training on solving world issues in a diplomatic and peaceful way as the United Nations does. PaderMUN has been existing for more than 12 years. This year we represented Brunei Darussalam with 10 delegates in different committees in the National Model United Nations in New York. We will be hosting our annual conference from 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 at Paderborn University.

## **Motivation**

I joined this club because I wanted to improve my public speaking skills, learn how the UN works and train to be a global citizen. I hope to work within an international organization to represent others especially those less privileged than me. To me, the best way I can help others, especially those back home in Africa is to get an education to represent them in international platforms. PaderMUN teaches diplomacy and negotiation skills, leadership skills, and you get to meet new people at different conferences. It's also an opportunity for students to improve their English skills.

## **How many students**

10 students from different departments in the University and 1 faculty advisor. (Mrs. Denise Parkinson) How were we selected? We were given a short assignment to write about a specific topic and had interviews with Mrs. Parkinson.

## **What we did**

### **I. Week one**

Our trip started on 17<sup>th</sup> March in Washington DC the capital of the United States of America. We had the opportunity to visit the Capitol that hosts the Congress, the Library of the Congress the largest Library in the world, the Supreme Court which is the judicial body of USA, National Air and Space Museum, the African American Museum and American Indian History Museum and many other museums and monuments. We also visited Mount Vernon the home of the first President of America, George Washington.

We were privileged to visit, get a presentation and later a discussion with the United States Institute of Peace. The institute was created in 1984 by Congress to engage directly in conflict areas and give an analysis, educate and provide resources for those working for peace.

### **II. Week two**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, we travelled to New York as the conference was starting that evening at 6 pm. The conference took place in the Hilton Hotel and the Sheraton Hotel, Times Square where we also stayed. We were honored to have a welcome speech by the President of the General Assembly UN Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés. After our welcome meeting, we all went to our respective committees until 10pm. We had early mornings and late nights for the 5 days of the conference.

I was part of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNFCCC. We were able to discuss, negotiate and concluded with several resolution papers for one of the three topics. (A resolution is basically recommendations on how to solve the issue at hand, it starts as a working paper, then a draft resolution and finally a resolution.) Before it gets to be a resolution, it is voted on by the delegates. This is how the UN works and sometimes the UN uses some of the resolutions made in NMUN.

The topic that was discussed was Capacity Building for Combating Climate Change in Developing Countries. Although developing countries contribute the least to climate change, they are affected the most when calamities happen. Taking for example the most recent Tropical Cyclone Idai that hit Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi leaving more than 1000 people dead and hundreds missing. Some of the proposed solutions included: Sensitization of the public deforestation and its effects on climate change, sustainable agriculture, use of technology to follow up with the member states, reconstruction and construction of drainage systems to avoid or limit effects of flooding and many others.

We had a closing ceremony of Thursday evening where we were awarded an Honorable Mention Delegation Award and later we had a delegates' dance. We used the remaining 2 days to see New York and left New York on Sunday night and arrived back in Germany on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

We also won \$1000 for the best NMUN video contest. You can watch it in the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DH2fF6Ln9hA&feature=youtu.be>

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## PADERMUN DELEGATION



From left to right: Sophia Böddicker, Miriam Scharie, Nice Adholla, Jona Vogel, Lisa Bohle, Miri Frings, Luisa Berlinicke, Jacquelin Linnemann, Bastian Sander, Jonas Höger & Mrs. Denise Parkinson



Some of the delegates at the UN Headquarters. From left to right: Lisa Bohle, Miri Frings, Jacquelin Linnemann, Nice Adholla, Bastian Sander, Jonas Höger

AT THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE



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