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# KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY 2020

The **Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA)** is a 3-day experiential learning program in which students participate in model international diplomacy. KUNA offers students the opportunity to experience cultures from around the world, develop empathy, and hone critical thinking skills while engaging with a wide variety of perspectives and global issues.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DATES

Middle School KUNA 1 • Mar. 1-3

Middle School KUNA 2 • Mar. 1-3

Middle School KUNA 3 • Mar. 22-24

## HIGH SCHOOL DATES

High School KUNA 1 • Mar. 5-7

High School KUNA 2 • Mar. 8-10

High School KUNA 3 • Mar. 15-17

Intent for KUNA: [www.kyymca.org/kuna/registration](http://www.kyymca.org/kuna/registration)

# KUNA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

At KUNA, students participate in one of our program areas based on their grade, experience, and preference. Each program area has a variety of delegate roles available to students, which are summarized below and outlined in greater detail at [www.kyymca.org/kuna](http://www.kyymca.org/kuna)

Presiding and Supporting Officers lead each program area, and interested students can visit the KUNA Officers page to learn about the different ways they can serve: [www.kyymca.org/kuna/officers](http://www.kyymca.org/kuna/officers)

## **UN General Assembly | HS & MS | All Delegates Eligible**

The UN General Assembly is the largest program area at KUNA, and includes all delegates not serving in other program areas. Delegates in the General Assembly serve as Ambassadors for their assigned countries, with each country sponsoring one (1) UN Resolution. Resolutions are ranked in Committees, then debated and voted on either in Summits or in a session of the full General Assembly.

## **UN Security Council | HS & MS | 11-12<sup>th</sup> or 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders; 1 student per country**

Security Council delegates debate issues pertaining to international security in an open debate format. Each country can have 1 Security Council delegate, and delegations representing the 5 Permanent Members (China, US, UK, France, Russia) MUST have a delegate on the Security Council at KUNA.

## **UN Secretariat | HS Only | 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders; Application-based**

The Secretariat is composed of 7 Under-Secretaries General (heads of UN offices/programs) who provide policy and legal analysis to the Secretary General on resolutions before the General Assembly.

## **Intl. Court of Justice | HS Only | 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders; 1 team of 1-3 students per delegation**

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) hears Contentious cases related to disputes between countries, and Advisory Cases clarifying international law. ICJ teams are assigned one side of either an Advisory Case or a Contentious Case. Teams will present 2-3 rounds of oral arguments based on the case they are assigned. ICJ Presidents & Justices will hear the oral arguments and score each team.

## **Media Corps | HS Only | 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders; 1 student per delegation**

Media Corps delegates craft compelling news stories on important Assembly topics. Media delegates publish their articles and content on a variety of platforms, including our website and social media.

# REPRESENTING COUNTRIES

Each delegation selects the country or countries they choose to represent on a first-come, first-served basis using our online intent and registration process: [www.kyymca.org/kuna/registration](http://www.kyymca.org/kuna/registration)

As Ambassadors emulating the culture and diverse interests of UN member countries, students explore re-examine the world from a new perspective. In addition to sponsoring a UN resolution on behalf of their country, students represent aspects of their country's culture and traditions through:



### **World Expo Display**

Each country may have a table-top display to showcase their country's cultural identity.



### **International Stage**

Selected delegations may perform a cultural dance, musical piece, or skit from their country.



### **Country Sign & Flag**

Each country designs a sign to display with their flag in the KUNA Parade of Nations.

# WHY KUNA?

In 2018, students completed pre- and post-assessment surveys, and the results prove KUNA has a major lasting impact.

## Growth of skills and confidence

KUNA gives students the stage to build their confidence in front of crowds and refine their skills. Students attending KUNA reported areas of growth; Self-Confidence and Public Speaking saw the biggest gains after the conference with increases of 17% and 14% respectively. Concise and Effective Writing skills increased by 12%.

## Understanding international issues and policy

Crafting resolutions and debating with fellow students across the state allow participants to learn more about the way countries work together to solve for global problems. 89% of students either 'Agree or 'Strongly Agree' that they've gained an expanded learning of international diplomacy, policies, and law.

## Learning about new cultures and perspectives

Through creating cultural displays and exploring them at KUNA, students can learn about hundreds of traditions all in the course of a few hours. 92% of students either 'Agree' or 'Strongly Agree' that they have learned about new countries and international culture, and 94% of first-time attendees responded positively.

## Gaining global experiences right at home

KUNA brings students out of their bubble, learning about places and ideas they may never come across in their daily lives. While many students might look into these things later in life, 48% of students said they weren't looking to pursue an international career, making KUNA a rare global experience they may otherwise not get.

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## KUNA 2019 | BY THE NUMBERS

**5,834**

STUDENT DELEGATES

**2,585**

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

**3,249**

HIGH SCHOOLERS

REPRESENTING

**211**

SCHOOLS

REPRESENTED

**132**

COUNTRIES

**89 MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

**122 HIGH SCHOOLS**



# DATES & DEADLINES

Delegations choose the dates that work best for their school/organization, but space is limited! Reserve your spot at: [www.kyymca.org/kuna/registration](http://www.kyymca.org/kuna/registration)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL KUNA

Assembly Hotels in Louisville: CP | Crowne Plaza MD | Marriott Downtown

Assembly	Dates & Hotel
MS KUNA 1	Mar. 1-3   CP
MS KUNA 2	Mar. 1-3   MD
MS KUNA 3	Mar. 22-24   CP

## HIGH SCHOOL KUNA

Assembly Hotels in Louisville: GH | Galt House MD | Marriott Downtown

Assembly	Dates
HS KUNA 1	Mar. 5-7   GH
HS KUNA 2	Mar. 8-10   GH
HS KUNA 3	Mar. 15-17   GH

Applications for Financial Aid are submitted online at: [www.kyymca.org/financial-aid](http://www.kyymca.org/financial-aid)

## KUNA FAQ | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. What is covered in the conference fees?

- **These fees include:** Lodging, Day 2 Lunch and Dinner, Day 3 Breakfast, and all KUNA program materials.
- For full pricing information, [visit http://www.kyymca.org/kuna/faq/](http://www.kyymca.org/kuna/faq/)

### Q. Is Financial Aid available?

- Yes - the Y is committed to ensuring access for all interested students.
- To be considered, a student and parent/guardian must complete and submit the aid application by the deadline for your KUNA (on back): [www.kyymca.org/financial-aid](http://www.kyymca.org/financial-aid)

### Q. If I have questions, who is my Regional Staff Member?

- All schools have a Regional Staff Member responsible for helping them get prepared for KUNA. They are your primary contact for any questions about the conference or registration process, and can even meet in person with you and your delegation to go over the entire process more in-depth.
- You can find contact info for our Regional Staff at: [www.kyymca.org/regions](http://www.kyymca.org/regions)

### Q. For our full FAQ, visit <http://www.kyymca.org/kuna/faq/>

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