2025 Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA) Program Changes

We strive to create the best program experience for students and chaperones alike. Based on feedback from the 2024 KUNA Season, the following changes will be implemented beginning in 2025.

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I. **RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS**
   a. Character Count Limit on Resolution Submissions – there will be a max character count of 2500 words.

II. **COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**
   a. Member States at KUNA – In order to model our MUN more closely after the United Nations, delegations will only be able to bring resolutions, debate, and vote if they represent member states. The current list of member states can be found here. There are currently two "observer states" (Vatican City and Palestine). These countries can speak during debate, but cannot vote or bring resolutions.

III. **DEBATE**
   a. Third Chair Training Option – to ensure all students are able to attend the required Chair Training, a third training date will be offered after the final conference registration deadline.
   b. Committee Chair Appointment Eligibility – moving forward, schools will appoint a "First Chair" and "Chair Alternative" on registration. The "First Chair" students will be assigned to Committees first (if they attended Chair Training) and "Chair Alternatives" will be assigned as needed. There will not be an option to appoint a third Chair.

IV. **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**
   a. Student Speaking Accommodations – during the advisor meeting on the first day, Y-Staff will ask advisors if any of their students need additional speaking time during debate due to speech, auditory, neurodivergent, or other processing needs. Those advisors will be given a small sticker for those students to put on their nametag so Chairs are aware of the accommodation.

V. **PAYMENT**
   a. Need-Based Scholarship Deadlines – to ensure that students are able to receive as much NBS as needed, applications for NBS must be submitted two weeks before each conference registration deadline. This ensures applications can be processed and invoices can be adjusted accordingly.
   b. Timeline of Invoicing – payment deadlines for each conference will now be one week before each conference start date. All invoices will be sent one week before the payment deadline. No invoices will be sent automatically when registration is submitted. This ensures one, correct invoice sent to all schools.

VI. **PRESIDING & SUPPORTING OFFICERS**
   a. Student Applications for the SRC – starting last year, we offered the Secretariat Research Commission program that allowed any students writing/sponsoring/presenting a resolution to get feedback on their resolution prior to their conference. This year, award winning resolutions sponsors will be able to apply to be on the SRC and give feedback to students on their resolutions. This application will be a part of the current Supporting Officer application process.

VII. **SECRETARIAT RESEARCH COMMISSION (SRC)**
   a. The SRC is expanding this year! After each conference, the SRC will publish a Secretariat Report that will include the resolutions that got the SRC seal, each resolution's UNOLA findings, resolutions that received awards, and demographic information about the conference.

VIII. **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**
   a. Security Council Max. Teams – starting in 2025, there will be a maximum of 20 Security Council teams allowed at each high school conference and a maximum of 15 teams at each middle school conference. It is first come, first serve.