

Dear Advisors,

During the upcoming 2019 Canisius College MUN Conference, we as the planning members wish to correct an issue that has long plagued the conference. Delegates who distinguish themselves during the debates are presented with awards to celebrate their exceptional skills in research and diplomacy. Therefore, this sheet will serve as the official rubric and determiner of what is considered for an award. There firstly exist two criteria that must be met even to be considered for an award as follows:

-Each student must write a position paper addressing at least 2/3rds of the issues in their committee. The delegate may write one position paper for each topic, or combine their ideas into a single position paper. Attached to this e-mail, you will find a guide further detailing what we expect from a position paper as well as an example. Position papers may be e-mailed to chairs before the start of the committee, or handed in before the committee opens for discussion. No position papers will be accepted after the beginning of the debate.

*****Note that students in the ICC and Press Corp Committees do not have to write a position paper to be considered for an award because of the uniqueness of their structure. Specific details for these two committees will be addressed below*****

- Students must have no disciplinary or behavioral issues during committee. If the delegate is determined by the chair to be acting inappropriately or disrespectfully throughout the conference, no matter how intelligent or skilled at diplomacy the delegate is, they will not be allowed to win an award.

Standard awards for HRC, Sec. Council, HSC, Crisis Committee, and ECOSOC

Four awards will be handed out per committee. These are the standard awards, except for the ICC and Press Corp who have special awards that will be detailed later on in this letter. The awards are as follows:

Best New Delegate: This award is presented to the best new delegate in each committee. We define “new” as a delegate who has never participated in any MUN conferences at the high school level or who have never participated in a Canisius College MUN before. This delegate, when compared to all other new delegates in their committee, reflects the best and brightest among them. They wrote a well-researched position paper, asked intelligent and timely questions, sought out groups to draft resolutions, and their committee was notably improved because of their presence.

Best Delegate 2nd Class- This award can be won by any delegate who meets the criteria mentioned above. It should be awarded to a delegate who assisted in the flow of debate and offered helpful and useful questions and motions. This delegate may not have passed all their position papers, but they were the delegate that others went to when they needed someone they could depend on. This delegate remained actively engaged throughout the debates, and the committee as a whole was improved because of their attendance and participation. They spoke

an appropriate amount of times, but perhaps not all of their motions or speeches led to significant revelations in the debate, but overall contributed to a better committee.

Best Delegate 1st Class: This award can be won by any delegate who meets the criteria mentioned above. This award should be awarded to a delegate who significantly directed the flow of debate and the way the committee progressed as a whole. They often contributed to well written and logically-sounded resolutions. The resolutions did not necessarily have to pass, but they should reflect a solid understanding of the topic at hand. This delegate should be well-versed in their country's policies and perspectives on several global matters. This delegate was recognized by others to be a leader and contributed much to the overall flow of debate throughout the committee. This delegate asked essential questions that caused others to reflect upon their country's policies, and how their proposals would affect the topic at hand. This delegate came prepared with a well-written position paper and did more research beyond what was mentioned in the topic guide.

Outstanding Delegate: This award can be won by any delegate who meets the criteria mentioned above. This award is reserved for the delegate who most significantly impacted their committee. This award should be awarded to the delegate who performed the best overall. They wrote a well-researched and logical position paper, presented proposals that fit within their country's policy, asked poignant and impactful questions, took charge in creating position papers that influenced the outcome of the committee, as was recognized by their peers to be the best amongst them. This delegate is the person that people loved to work with, or loved to work against. This delegate did not have to speak all the time, but when they did speak, other delegates took notice and truly listened to what they said. This delegate should reflect the best that the committee had to offer.

Special Awards

International Criminal Court

For those seeking awards in the ICC, no position paper is required due to the unique structure of the ICC. However, for delegates who have been identified as prosecutors or defense attorneys, they will need to prepare in advance for their case. Delegates who will serve as jurors have no special requirements to be considered for an award outside of remaining respectful and positive throughout the day. The specific criteria for what constitute prior preparation is currently under development, but there will be a component that must be submitted to the presiding judge before the start of the conference.

Best Prosecution- This delegate showed a real depth of knowledge about the laws and regulations of the Rome Statute. This delegate understood what the defendant was being charged with, and how best to convince a jury of that defendants' guilt. A delegate does not explicitly have to win their case to be considered the best prosecutor, but they should demonstrate a consistent effort and understanding of the ICC.

Best Defense- This delegate showed a real depth of knowledge about the laws and regulations of the Rome Statute. This delegate understood what their client was being charged with, and how

best to convince a juror of their client's innocence. A delegate does not explicitly have to win their case to be considered the best defense attorney but should demonstrate a consistent effort and understanding of the ICC.

Best Juror- This delegate remained consistently engaged in the trial process. This delegate read the provided biographies of the defendants and understands the essence of the Rome Statute. This delegate remained fair and impartial and forced the prosecution and defense to examine their perspective critically. This delegate improved the ICC as a whole because of their presence.

Press Corp

There is no preliminary work that must be done in the Press Corp to be considered for an award. However, we recommend that journalists submit a sample piece of writing to our editors before the conference so that the editor can evaluate what their respective strengths and weakness are to better prepare themselves to serve as editors for the Press Corp. This is completely voluntary and not submitting a writing sample will have no negative impact on award consideration.

Best Journalist- This delegate-journalist wrote concise and informative articles that aided in the overall knowledge and dissemination of information to all participants in the committee. They asked intelligent questions that prompted delegates to examine their perspective critically and helped to clarify confusing concepts. Their work exposed the essence of the committee and wrote in a style that is both engaging and informative. In the inaugural year of the Press Corp, this delegate helped to lay a foundation for a successful future.