Participating to the Harvard Model United Nations was truly a life changing experience for me.

As a person, I became more responsible and mature; having to wake up every morning without your parents telling you to do so and running from the hotel to the nearest Starbucks to get breakfast on time gives you an idea of how autonomous you need to be.

Being part of a delegation will definitely boost your motivation. Knowing that you are representing your high school and your country will sharpen your feeling of belonging and give you a compelling desire to provide an endless supply of hard work and defend your community's reputation at the international stage.

Sharing your everyday life in a completely new way with your friends will give you the impression of living in a - high intellectual level - Reality TV Show. You will build strong bonds with new people and discover a brand-new side of your teachers' personality.

As a muner, I learned a lot from delegates coming from all around the world and had the amazing opportunity to learn about a new topic. Before the conference, I was overwhelmed by a paroxysmal amount of stress. For the very first time of my live, I was going to be stuck with (litteraly) hundreds of other delegates in the same room competing with the best high school students in the world. I later realized that this was more like an "Ocean's eleven" than a "Hunger games". Although you must not forget the competitive side of MUN, you will build symbiotic relationships with other countries from your bloc in order to pass a resolution and get the thrill of excitement that crowns your months of hard work.

Dear future delegates, you will miss your family and cry from the overpowering feeling of stress but you will also meet people from all over the world, discover a marvellous city and live the best week of your entire life so do not hesitate to build your own bloc, lead it and fight for its ideas until the end because I sincerely have faith in what our school's students can achieve.

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