Press Corp

Dear Advisors,

This year at the 2019 Canisius College Model United Nations Conference we are pleased to offer a new committee that will challenge students to sharpen their analytical and research skills. We will be hosting our inaugural offering of the Press Corp.

In this committee, students will assume the role of journalists and will travel between the other committees and write short reports based on what they observe. This way, a student in the Human Rights Council can read about what her peer was discussing the Economic and Social Committee. The delegate-journalist will have a basic understanding of the topic they are covering by reading the topic guides that are provided for each issue. The delegate-journalist will then observe the debates, take quotes from speakers, and write short reports based on what they saw. The delegate-journalist will not write a report based on their school’s country. They will observe and report what they see. For example, even if that student is from a school representing the Russian Federation, they will not write their articles like they are an actual journalist from the Russia Federation.

Delegate-journalists will have a room in which they will write their articles and will be provided with a laptop where they can access Microsoft Word and a to be determined file hosting website. I envision that we will create a shared google drive where they can upload reports, and then the drive can be shared with all delegates and advisors can read what has been written.

Also, Canisius’s journalists will walk the delegate-journalists from committee to committee to ensure the safety and accountability of your students. Because this committee requires a certain degree of independence and latitude from traditional committees, we require that all students who wish to participate in the Press Corp be at least Sophomores. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

In the registration form, you will find the section for Press Corp. If you have any students who are interested in this committee, please write their names down and the grade they will be in during the 2019-2020 school year. We will continue to develop this committee as the summer progresses, and welcome all constructive thoughts or ideas on how best to implement the Press Corp. Thank you for all that you do to expose your students to the wonders of MUN and to promote global awareness and diplomacy.

Regards,

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