

MODEL UN SYMPOSIUM TRUMBULL HIGH SCHOOL MAY 17, 2014

Good morning. What an exciting day!

We thank you for the opportunity to be part of this inspiring gathering.

Like many of you, we have travelled a long way to be here because we believe in the increasing power of the United Nations as it strives to bring and maintain peace around the world.

As you heard, the title of our group is A CURRICULUM OF HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD. The most important word in that title is HOPE because where there is HOPE, there is POSSIBILITY!

We are here to tell you that **YOU ARE THAT POSSIBILITY BECAUSE YOU CARE, YOU ACT AND YOU ARE COMMITTED. YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD. DO YOU BELIEVE IT??**

By your attendance here today, you are committing yourself and your efforts to the United Nations and its programs that seek human rights, equality and justice for all human kind, and that promote efforts toward the sustainability of the fragile eco-system of this magnificent planet Earth that we all share.

- YOU are the world citizens and world leaders of the future.
- YOU are not too young to be involved, as some people seem to think. In fact, we are encouraging you to develop projects that involve pre-school, elementary and middle school students.
- YOU believe in the human rights we all share.
- YOU can be a strong voice for those who have NO voice and NO rights because they are impoverished and uneducated, they are disrespected, discarded and powerless.
- YOU are the ones who have it within your grasp to make life better for everyone.

- YOU strive to think critically and think “outside the box” for creative solutions to world problems.
- YOU are capable of bringing effective changes to our struggling planet Earth and all her inhabitants.
- You are leaders and THE NEED FOR DEDICATED LEADERSHIP IS GREAT.
- **YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE!** Through your work in the Model UN program YOU are developing and practicing the skills of critical thinking, peaceful conflict resolution and cooperation. These skills are vital and indispensable as we all work toward a more peaceful world.

Your commitment is extraordinary! We know that because you are excited to be assembled here on a Saturday in the springtime committed to learning, sharing and working to strengthen and enhance the work of the United Nations.

Commitment is what transforms desire into reality.

It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions followed by actions that speak louder than the words.

Commitment is the power to change the face of things.

WE BELIEVE IN YOUR POWER!

We are so proud to be here with you. We are so VERY PROUD of each of you as global citizens and world leaders of tomorrow. We thank your teachers who are with you today for all that they do in guiding and supporting your efforts.

EVERYONE HERE TODAY IS CONSIDERED A PEACEMAKER.

Have a productive day as you connect and work together to advance UN agendas. You are truly our HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD. Thank you for listening.

