Student engagement in global health diplomacy

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ABOUT US

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AMWHO 2015
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Co-Directors
Founders

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UNC AMWHO
President
BACKGROUND & DEVELOPMENT
THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

- WHA is the decision-making body of the WHO
- 194 members states propose solutions, negotiate, and vote on global health policy
OUR FOUNDER

Neha Acharya

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# WHO: LIMITED EFFECTIVENESS

## Key Accomplishments
- 1980: Eradication of Smallpox
- 2003: Adoption of FCTC

## Key Barriers

The present state of global governance: “paralysis, minimal outcomes, or failure”

(Helen Clark, 2012)
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AMWHO 2015

- October 2-4th
- 128 Attendees
- Theme: Universal Health Coverage
  - Discuss relevant topics in global health policy
COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

• Each student delegate represent:
  – WHO member state
  – Media Correspondent
  – NGO Representative

• 6 regions
SCHEDULE

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“I loved learning debate rules, working in my country’s role.”
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“The lunch and learn gave me time to talk to people doing things that I aspire to do, and it was an unexpected place to receive career guidance.”
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  *I really enjoyed talking to people from other schools and from different backgrounds during breakfast, lunch, and at the social.*
OUTCOMES

90% ranked AMWHO a 4/5 or 5/5.*

97% would recommend AMWHO to a friend.*

*39 respondents of 128 attendees
OUTCOMES

• “discover a passion global health policy that is sure to shape the course of my future”

• “the intricacies of forming global health policy are not something you can really learn in a lecture”

• “learn to think in the perspectives of policymakers”
FUTURE & CHAPTERS
Overseen by National structure

University of Kentucky
Virginia Tech
University of Georgia
Mercer University
University of South Carolina
Emory University
Yale University

FUTURE & CHAPTERS
CHAPTER STRUCTURE

UNC AMWHO

Conference
- UNC regional conference
- National conference every 5 years

Campus
- Regular meetings
- Campus-wide events

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CAMPUS AFFAIRS

FUTURE & CHAPTERS

Engage students year-round
e.g. Practice debates

Provide opportunities to connect
e.g. Snack and Learn

Increase campus awareness
e.g. World Health Day
HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED
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1. **Attend** a National Conference
   
   *Next: Emory University, Oct. 14th-16th*
   
   *Registration opens April 10th*

2. **Reach out** to National Office
   
   *general@amwho.org*

3. **Form** an Executive Board
   
   *Starter packet provided*
THANK YOU

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