

An update on events and happenings with the Florida State University World Affairs Program.



# 2013-2014 Leadership

Director: Hilary Kizma

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Head Delegate: Hillary Harlan

Student Advisory Council Chair: Brooks Reed



## Fall Schedule

9/27-9/30

Regional Training Conference  
Tallahassee, Florida

## Kicking off 2013-2014

The school year comes on the heels of a great year for WAP under Director Melissa Giddings and her officer corps. Highlights from last year for the team included traveling to an array of conferences, with delegates winning awards at every conference including gavels at NCSC in DC and VICS in Virginia. The team stretched its conference reach into Canada for the first time in several years, attending McMUN in Montreal (the verdict: too cold for anyone from South Florida). The team also managed to survive Hurricane Sandy, which hit DC right in time for the return to Florida. WAP also expanded outside of MUN to fundraise for and support Relay for Life, a rewarding experience which we will be repeating this school year. With a great year behind us, the World Affairs Program looks forward to continued excellence on the circuit under 2013-2014 Director Hilary Kizma and her officer corps.



## Regional Training Conference XXII and Other Fall Events

This year's Regional Training Conference (RTC) under Secretary General Christopher Hansford brought together delegates from Florida State University, the University of Florida, Florida International University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University for a weekend of debate, diplomacy and fun. The wide range of committee options, with crisis, specialized and General Assembly style committees ensured there was a committee for every delegate. For the newcomers to WAP, this year's RTC provided a welcoming first conference experience aimed at shoring up their experience and confidence for future conferences, and the growth seen in those new delegates just over the course of the weekend is very promising for the team.

This year, WAP is working to expand the scope of its activities beyond Model UN. This will enable members

10/12-10/13

Florida Model United Nations  
Gainesville, Florida

10/24-10/27

National Collegiate Security  
Conference  
Washington, D.C.

11/14-11/17

University of Pennsylvania  
Model UN Conference  
Philadelphia, PA



## Endowment Update

Thanks to President Barron's matching grant, a better than average market, and our WAP alumni and donors paying off pledges, we achieved over 100k in endowment value in 2012.

As of September 15th, 2013

the WAP endowment numbers are:

**\$117,053.00 endowment**

**corpus with**

**\$77,670.00 remaining in  
outstanding pledges through  
2016**

The program and students thank for your generosity in keeping WAP going.

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who do not get as many opportunities to travel to be involved in a meaningful way as well as give the World Affairs Program an increased presence on campus. Projects slated for the fall semester include sponsoring an Engage Your World Discussion at the Center for Global Engagement and the screening of a human rights documentary (tbd) at the Student Life Cinema. The organization of these and similar projects will go through the newly created Student Advisory Council within WAP, which will provide a forum for students to discuss project ideas and create committees as necessary.

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