

## **Media Release**

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### **Model UN Event to Inspire Excellence in Maritime Youth**

St. Thomas University is hosting its 16<sup>th</sup> annual John Peters Humphrey Model United Nations (JPHMUN) simulation. The event, which is organized by St. Thomas students, runs from Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3, and will attract 100 high school students from across the Maritimes.

The event is organized by students at St. Thomas.

The organizers have assigned each student delegate a country to represent and one of five United Nations committees. Throughout the weekend, the committees will meet to debate and negotiate resolutions to global issues and catastrophes. The solutions are student generated and the exercise requires the delegates to build consensus around their ideas.

The event begins Friday evening at 6:30 pm with an opening ceremony. Colonel John Fife, will be providing the keynote address. The weekend will include several committee sessions, a coffee house talent show and a closing ceremony at noon on Sunday.

"I remember how exciting it was giving my first speech at JPHMUN," said Brandon Gulliver, third time attendee and Grade 11 student at Fredericton High School.

"I really love practicing diplomacy and learning how the United Nations works first hand." Gulliver will be representing Pakistan on the UN Security Council.

"We have a really strong team of volunteers this year," said Megan Thompson, 4<sup>th</sup> year STU student and Secretary General for JPHMUN 2015.

"JPHMUN is a unique opportunity to bring together high school and university level students with shared interests in international relations."

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