

HHS to host Middle School Model UN

The inaugural Hillie Model United Nations, which will include student delegates from each of Haverhill's middle schools, will take place at Haverhill High School on February 26 and 27. Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. on the 26th.

Haverhill High School has a vibrant Model United Nations program, and HHS has received national recognition for the knowledge and skill of its delegations.

The Hillie Model UN will give middle school students the opportunity to experience the Model UN process and pique their interest in carrying on the strong Model UN tradition when they enter high school.

Later this year, a team advised by HHS teacher Zachary N. Simmons will travel to New York City to participate in a national Model UN competition, representing the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

In preparation, the Model UN team and other interested students had the chance to meet and listen to Hans Gieskes; honorary consul for the Netherlands, who visited Haverhill High School on the Friday before winter break. He shared lunch with a small group of Model UN delegates before giving a presentation about the Netherlands in the high school auditorium.

Students invited to hear the presentation included Model UN delegates and Simmons' International Relations class.

In past years, International Relations classes and the Model UN teams have been visited by the consuls and honorary consuls from Germany, Latvia, Pakistan and Japan.



From left are Hans Gieskes, honorary consul for the Netherlands; Ryan Dekeon, head delegate for Model UN; teacher Zachary N. Simmons, Model UN adviser; Andrew Morphill, Model UN delegate; Alejandro Lopez, head delegate for HillieMUN (the upcoming Middle School Model UN at HHS); and Rashaun Martin, district curriculum supervisor for Social Studies/History and Foreign Languages.