

Model UN Attends UNESCO Conference

Mrs. Gilman's Model United Nations club attended the UNESCO Chair and Institute of Comparative Human Rights Conference at the University of Connecticut on October 20th, 2009. The focus of this year's conference was the link between health and human rights.

Specifically, the conference examined health and access to healthcare around the world as it relates to the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The students heard a keynote speech by Dr. Henri Atlan, a French biophysicist from the University of Paris as well as a panel discussion on poverty and healthcare around the world.

Students were amazed by the lack of access to healthcare practitioners and facilities as well as the prevalence of diseases in the developing world that are otherwise eradicated in the developed world.