

## UNICEF High School National Council Member Bios 2016–2017



**Pranav Srinivasan**  
Horace Mann School  
*Senior National Council*

**PRANAV SRINIVASAN** currently lives in New York City as a senior at the Horace Mann School. Born in Singapore, Pranav has lived in New York for about 8–9 years after also living in Hong Kong for three years. His favorite sports include Tennis and Golf. Some of his other passions include traveling and working with UNICEF. Pranav started his UNICEF Club a couple years ago, and has since worked closely with a lot of students, school faculty, and several members of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. His favorite memory during his work with UNICEF is the basketball fundraiser he hosted last year for World Water Month, and the video he helped make with the Sacramento Kings to promote the UNICEF Tap Project. Two years ago, Pranav visited Vietnam to help support underprivileged students. After seeing how the children did not have friends or resources to play with, he realized that it was up to him to give back to the global community. This was the moment where he decided he wanted to work with UNICEF and help make a difference. Pranav is really looking forward to his second term on the National Council.



**Bouchra Benghomari**  
Cambridge Rindge and  
Latin School  
*New England and Southwest  
Regions*

**BOUCHRA BENGHOMARI** was born and raised in Cambridge, MA, and is a senior at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School where she is President of the UNICEF Club. Bouchra's passion in helping others and becoming a better person pushes her to work hard every day. Seeing the first-hand effects of disaster, war, and poverty through family and friends, and the impact that simple actions can have to help, is what inspired her to start the UNICEF Club and to strive for a world of global citizens. Currently, she is a part of Club 4, which cooks meals for the local homeless shelter, a rower on the varsity crew team, Model UN club, and is a Student Government representative. She also works as a research intern at the MIT Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research as well as a Junior Mentor for young girls interested in STEM. Recently winning the EF Global Citizen Human Rights Scholarship, she is excited to be traveling to Europe to collaborate with fellow young leaders on how to secure human rights for everyone around the world. Bouchra hopes to one day become a doctor and help people in crises and use her voice to advocate for human rights, pursuing not only a career that significantly impacts the world, but a life that does.



**Lydia Carey**  
Westfield High School  
*Mid-Atlantic and Midwest  
Regions*

**LYDIA CAREY** is a senior at Westfield High School in Centreville, Virginia. Since being Vice President of her UNICEF Club, Lydia has been involved in some fun UNICEF service projects, including a coat drive for Syrian refugees, a cultural kids crafting fair fundraiser, educational movie screenings, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, and the UNICEF Tap Project. Lydia believes in UNICEF's mission because every child deserves a healthy life despite unfair circumstances. In her opinion, the smartest investment you can make in the world is in the education of children. UNICEF brings pressing, fundamental issues to the forefront of many people's radars, which is something Lydia hopes to do in her journalism career. She wants to raise consciousness as a journalist about international issues that don't always make headlines, to increase people's empathy and awareness. She feels excited and honored to serve, inspire, and assist UNICEF clubs so they can reach their full potential and have a fun time doing it. Outside of UNICEF, Lydia is an officer for her school's Key Club, Design Editor for her school's newspaper, and a morning announcements host, as well as an active member of National Spanish Honors Society. She also loves traveling, learning about different cultures, running cross-country, and playing lacrosse.

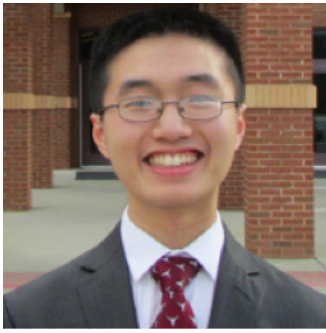
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**Victoria Fonzi**  
North Gwinnett High School  
*New York Region*

**VICTORIA FONZI** aspires to improve the lives of children throughout the world, and she plans a future in pediatric medicine as a pathway to achieve this goal. She volunteered at a local hospital last summer and is spending this summer with the Emory University cancer research team through its Summer Scholars Program. She passionately supports the work of UNICEF because she believes that a world in which a mother loses a child for lack of a ten-cent vaccine is a world that should not exist. Victoria is a senior at the top of her class at North Gwinnett High School, located in the northern suburbs of Atlanta. While serving as the President of her school's UNICEF and Science Olympiad clubs and Secretary of its Mu Alpha Theta chapter, she is also an active member in the math team, National Science Honors Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and Beta Club. Victoria volunteers as a freshman mentor and peer tutor, plays the flute in her school's mastery band, and performs at festivals and community events with her teen ballroom dance group.

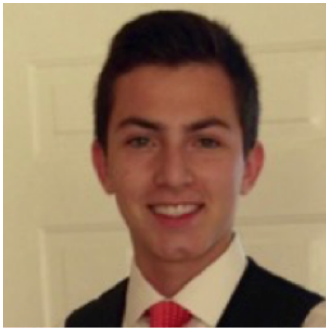
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**Chen Lin**  
Lambert High School  
*Southern California Region*

**CHEN LIN** is a junior at Lambert High School, located in Suwanee, Georgia. He believes that all people have the power to make a positive impact on the world. Being a well-rounded student with a passion for leadership and community service, Chen is an active member in the student body and his local community. At school, he currently serves as the managing member of the ambassador organization, Secretary of student council, Vice President of Future Business Leaders of America club, and a member of the Medical Science Academy. In the community, he is an enthusiastic volunteer at local libraries and hospitals and serves on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and the library's Teen Advisory Board. Chen plays a pivotal role in the founding and growth of his school's UNICEF club. During his leisure, Chen is a dedicated pianist and a competitive swimmer. With hard work and passion for the work of UNICEF, he hopes to make a positive impact on the world and encourage others to become global citizens.

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**Gabriel Lazano**  
Cypress Bay High School  
*Southeast Region*

**GABRIEL LOZANO** is a senior at Cypress Bay High School in Weston, Florida. He was born in Bogotá, Colombia and moved to the U.S. when he was nine years old. He has always been active in community projects and charity clubs. Gabriel is currently Vice President of his school's UNICEF Club, which has over 600 members. His UNICEF chapter was named the best club in the school, out of more than 50. He has previously been part of the school's student government, and enjoys being involved in his community. Gabriel loves to see the world and experience different cultures. He is very excited to be a part of the National Council for the 2016-2017 academic year.

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**Alex Mo**  
The Harker School  
*Northwest Region*

**ALEX MO** is a senior at The Harker School in San Jose, California. From a young age, Alex has held a strong passion for helping those around him, and his travels to around 30 countries have made him eager to learn about the different cultures around the world. One way Alex engages himself with his surroundings is through photography, one of his main hobbies. He is an award-winning photographer and finds the medium to be way to express his perspective and create art. In his spare time, he enjoys playing tennis and basketball with his friends and going on spontaneous trips to San Francisco, his favorite city. In school, Alex is a DECA officer, helping members prepare and present business plans, as well as a LinkCrew member and student leader. Alex began his journey with UNICEF just over a year ago when he founded a club at his school. He is inspired by his officer team and members and feels that children around the world deserve happiness.

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