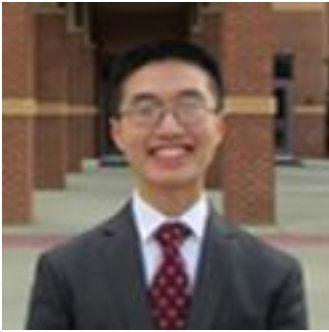




UNICEF Clubs National Council Bios 2017-2018

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Chen Lin
Lambert High School
Senior National Council

Chen Lin is a senior at Lambert High School, where he serves as President of the UNICEF club. This will be Chen's second year as a National Council member. Through his work on the council and his with his UNICEF Club, Chen supports UNICEF USA's annual campaigns and advocates on behalf of the world's children. With a passion for science and leadership, Chen is an active member within the student body and his local community. He has served as Vice President and Secretary of Student Council, Project Manager of the National Honors Society organization, and competitor of the Future Healthcare Professionals organization. In the community, he is an enthusiastic volunteer at local libraries and hospitals and serves on his library's Teen Advisory Board. Chen is looking forward to continuing his work with UNICEF USA and utilizing his previous experience and passion as a Senior National Council member.



Tifenn Drouaud
George Washington
University
Senior National Council

Tifenn Drouaud is a third-year student at The George Washington University in Washington, DC, studying Criminal Justice and Political Science. She was born in France and raised in Texas, Australia, and Malaysia. In high school, Tifenn started the International School of Western Australia's first UNICEF chapter. She remained involved by serving on the Executive Board of the GW UNICEF chapter as Freshman Representative, Secretary and Vice President. Tifenn hopes to continue helping underdeveloped countries by becoming a criminal attorney. By giving to those who do not have a voice, a mission in line with the UNICEF organization, she believes she can affect the lives of the less fortunate. She is honored to be serving another year as a Senior National Council member to lead those that share a passion for helping. She hopes to relay to others during her term that everybody's involvement matters, regardless of how small an act, and to inspire them to bring about change.



Alice Wu
Solon High School

Alice Wu fiercely believes that the lives, opportunities, and happiness of all children must be protected at all costs. This belief stems from her time serving on a mission trip, when she saw how the world treats innocent children unkindly merely because they are born randomly into a tumultuous environment. After seeing this injustice, she co-founded the UNICEF club at her school in 2015 and currently serves as its President. Now a senior, she is honored to have seen her club at Solon High School in Solon, Ohio, affect change as far as Haiti. Alice considers herself to be a global citizen, and will be attending the Yale Young Global Scholars program for International Affairs and Security this summer. She is very invested in the performing arts as she has played the violin for 12 years and is a member of an award-winning quartet. Alice also plays in the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, has served as the principal violinist of the Contemporary Youth Orchestra, and is the President of her school's orchestra. Outside of her musical pursuits, she serves as the President of her school's Youth for Christ club, is an active member of the debate team and the National Honor Society, and is a published poet.



Ani Hakobyan
University of California,
Berkeley

Ani Hakobyan is a fourth-year student at the University of California, Berkeley where she is majoring in Global Studies with a concentration in Global Development and a geographic focus on Europe and Russia. Born in Russia into an Armenian family and raised in the United States, Ani is conscious of the importance of having awareness of global events and cross-cultural communication. This multi-cultural background inspires her to pursue long-term career goals related to diplomacy and / or international development. A life-long supporter of UNICEF's mission of putting children first, Ani co-founded the Glendale Community College UNICEF Campus Initiative during her freshman year of college. As president, she led efforts to advocate and raise funds for children in Nepal after the devastating earthquake, the Tap Project to provide clean water, and planned a college-wide effort to take part in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. She was also part of the college's Model United Nations, and has also presented her research regarding the Eurasian Economic Union at different conferences. Currently the Vice President of her UNICEF Club, Ani is also the Director of Public Relations for the United Nations Refugee Agency at Cal (UNRAC) which works to educate the community about the refugee crisis and advocate for the rights of refugees. Ani is interested in children's and women's rights in the Caucasus and Central Asia, examining "frozen conflicts" in the post-Soviet space, and political journalism.



Audrey Hager
Marriotts Ridge High School

Audrey Hager is a senior at Marriotts Ridge High School located in Howard County, Maryland. She is passionate about the intersection of public health, human rights, and NGOs, and started her high school's first UNICEF Club in her sophomore year after realizing the immense capabilities of her peers to fundraise for powerful organizations. Her school's UNICEF Club, thanks to a great advisor, is a small but incredibly dedicated group of people, who have hosted bake sales, awareness events, and participated in the Trick-or-Treat fundraiser. Outside of UNICEF, Audrey has spent her high school days volunteering at numerous hospitals and the Red Cross, debating across the country in Public Forum debate, running the sound system for her high school's theatre productions, tutoring, and playing piano.



Benito Kayenge-Katem
Iowa State University

Benito Kayenge-Katem is a senior at Iowa State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, majoring in Economics. He started with UNICEF at Iowa State as a freshman, serving as Vice-President/Co-President twice and as President in the upcoming year. He was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, then moved in the U.S. at age 17 to pursue his undergraduate studies. Benito's interest in UNICEF was sparked by his father's work with UNICEF in the Congo where he has seen the work that UNICEF has done to promote education, hygiene, and a better future for children. Benito loves helping people no matter the risks involved, hence enlisting in the U.S. army reserve as a medic. He hopes to work with international non-governmental organizations to help those underdeveloped countries still struggling against poverty, illnesses, and poor economic infrastructures, and he also plans to go to medical school if given the time and the resources. He is grateful to be given a chance to serve on the Campus Initiative Council with students that share the same passion as he does. Benito loves traveling, playing guitar and writing French songs, binge watching House of Cards, and cooking.



Marcos Andrade
Marine Academy of Science
and Technology at the Florida
International University

Marcos Andrade is a senior at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology at the Florida International University. He is the founder and president of the UNICEF Club at his school and has been involved with UNICEF and other child-saving organizations from a young age. Marcos lives in Miami but was also raised in Guatemala and Spain throughout his life. After living in Latin America for a big part of his life, he got to witness the extreme poverty and need that children find themselves in from their earliest stages in the developing world. It was this that inspired him to support the lifesaving work of organizations such as UNICEF as a volunteer. When his family moved to the United States he sought to involve himself with UNICEF USA to help children in need from a different position. He realized that through his leadership and persistence in the advocacy for children's rights here in America, an equally impactful difference could be made in the lives of children here and abroad.



Dave Ghosh
Harmony School of
Advancement

Dave Ghosh is a senior at Harmony School of Advancement in Houston, Texas. Born with a soft heart towards those (especially children) who suffer, Dave has devoted his life to helping those in need. As a freshman, he became involved with UNICEF as a volunteer for Key Club and Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF. The following summer, Dave attended the National Student Leadership Conference for Medicine and Healthcare at Harvard Medical School, where he was exposed to the harsh realities of developing countries. Wanting to have a voice, he founded his UNICEF Club as a sophomore. Dave has since served as President, raising over \$2,000 for UNICEF in two years as well as educating and advocating within his community. Dave is a member of the UNICEF Student Leadership Symposium and UNICEF's Houston Congressional Action Team. He has volunteered for his local hospital and Red Cross, and has served as his school's PTO Website Editor. Dave sits near the top of his class, and has served as Representative and Treasurer for the Student Council, founded the Science National Honor Society, and participates in the National Honor Society, No place for Hate, Science Olympiad, and Mu Alpha Theta. Dave aspires to be a surgeon, having done significant research and taken numerous courses relating to the medical field. His hobbies include playing the violin, basketball, swimming, barbecuing, volunteering, and reading the Wall Street Journal.



Holly Love
Virginia Commonwealth
University

Holly Love is a junior at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she is pursuing her undergraduate degree in International Studies with a concentration in social justice and a minor in Anthropology. She has been involved with UNICEF since her freshman year in high school when she joined Key Club, raising funds to end neonatal tetanus through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. As the District 10 Lieutenant Governor of the DC District of Key Club, Holly oversaw and provided support to other local Key Clubs to raise money for UNICEF's mission. Continuing her commitment to advocate for children around the world, she immediately joined UNICEF at Virginia Commonwealth University where she has served on the executive board for two years and currently serves as Vice President. These experiences fostered Holly's passion for learning about other cultures. In the the summer of 2015, she had the amazing opportunity to travel to Japan through the High School Diplomats program and just recently returned from studying abroad in Mexico. Holly believes that understanding and accepting our cultural and religious beliefs is the key to being a global citizen and would like to follow in the footsteps of her idol, Audrey Hepburn, as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. In her spare time, she volunteers at a local adult education center to teach English to adult immigrants, mentors at a local elementary school, plans events for her UNICEF club, is a part of the VCU Student Admission Ambassadors, and participates in research with VCU's School of Education. Holly enjoys reading about Anthropology, binge-watching 'Friends', online shopping, and hanging out with friends!



Misha Ahmad
University of Illinois Urbana
Champaign

Misha Ahmad is a senior at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign studying Integrative Biology and Global Studies with a concentration in Global Health. After traveling to Pakistan in 2010, she realized the unfortunate reality children face globally, and the horrifically high number of children that die every day from preventable causes. She became passionate about UNICEF when she realized she could do her part to join the cause. Because of her involvement with UNICEF USA through carrying out projects and several dinners, she was honored with the Disney Heroes for Change Award in 2013 and was a distinguished finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award in 2014. She has been involved with UNICEF for seven years and will serve as president of her UNICEF club this year. She is also active in the Muslim Students Association, Illini Voices for Humanity, and Delta Kappa Delta Sorority, Inc., a service sorority dedicated to child abuse and a service focus on children's education. At Dilger Laboratory, she also does research investigating how perinatal nutrition affects the brain development and cognition of young piglets. After receiving the Carle Neuroscience Institute of Undergraduate Research Award in 2016, she shifted towards a new proposal to help researchers understand how nutrition impacts neurodevelopment at a physiological level, which could potentially supplement future studies to optimize development of the neonate and impact the lives of millions of infants around the globe. Through UNICEF, Misha has found a haven in a community of individuals who have dedicated their lives believing in the mission of prioritizing the life of each child. She has become a passionate advocate for children and hopes to pursue a career in the field of health care involving working with children.



Monica Oliveira
Fordham University

Monica Oliveira is a senior at Fordham University studying International Political Economy and French. Although she was born in the US, she grew up mainly in the south of Spain, where she quickly took interest in issues of human rights in the neighboring North Africa. This experience inspired her to pursue an internship with Religions for Peace at the UN, where she worked to combat Islamophobia and contributed to community peace building initiatives with women and young people. She spent the following two summers working on educational initiatives with high school students from the Bronx and eventually channeled this love for young people by founding a UNICEF chapter at Fordham University and interning for UNICEF USA this very Spring. This summer she had the opportunity to combine her interests in education and human rights by leading an independent research project in Europe focusing on the education of child refugees in England, France, and Germany. She's thrilled to join the UNICEF National Council and excited to work with and empower fantastic student leaders around the country!



Nadin Abu Khalaf
Southern Alamance
High School

Nadin Abu Khalaf is a senior at Southern Alamance High School in Graham, North Carolina, where she is the president and founder of the UNICEF Club. She is passionate about medicine as well as children's welfare, and aspires to become a pediatrician. Nadin has lived in Amman, Jordan for 5-6 years. While living in Jordan, she actively held fundraisers at her school alongside her art teacher for children who are in poverty and children with disabilities. Later on, she learned about UNICEF and its mission in her social studies class during the Syrian refugee crisis in Jordan and became interested in their work. Nadin believes that children are our future, and it is at our loss if we do not take care of these children that are in need and allow them to pursue their dreams. She is currently a member of the student council at her school as well as other clubs such as National Honors Society, National Technical Honors Society, DECA club and HOSA club. She also is part of the ABSS Honors Institute Program at Elon University, where the top thirty upcoming seniors are chosen from Alamance County to learn new perspectives on leadership and how to become a better leader. Throughout her summer, Nadin enjoys volunteering at her local hospital, library, and at the children's museum. Nadin hopes that she will be able to make a difference in the world by encouraging young high school students like herself to take the initiative to start the conversation about children's issues and their rights.



Omer Baker
Charter Oak High School

Omer Baker currently resides in Los Angeles, California. From a young age, as a son of two Palestinian refugees, Omer has aspired to protect the world's most vulnerable children and hopes to further his ambitions through a career as a physician in the future. He is currently a junior at the top of his class at Charter Oak High School, located in the eastern suburbs of Downtown Los Angeles. He founded his school's UNICEF Club as a freshman with intentions of introducing an international humanitarian organization to his campus, and has since served as the school's UNICEF President. At school, Omer additionally serves as the Middle Eastern Unity President, Unity Board President, and Debate & Speech Team Captain. Within the community, he has enthusiastically volunteered over 400 hours in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Surgical Services at two local hospitals. On his free time, Omer loves traveling and experiencing new cultures. Inspired by those around him and the work of UNICEF, he is excited to further his passion for human rights with his work on the UNICEF National Council throughout the 2017-2018 school year.
