UNICEF High School National Council  
2015-2016

Annajulia Santa Elena | Del Lago Academy, California | Southern California Region

Annajulia Santa Elena is a junior at Del Lago Academy. A well-rounded student, she actively participates in sports and extracurricular activities alongside her usual studies. She has a passion for helping others, and immerses herself with clubs that involve service projects or fundraisers for people in need. Currently, she holds the position of Lieutenant Governor for Key Club International, as well as President of UNICEF, Math Club, and National Honor Society. Anna hopes to pursue a career that can significantly impact the world through her hard work and dedication, and hopes that her good grades and clubs can help take her there.

Dillan Prasad | New Trier High School, Illinois | Midwest Region

“I see plenty of money wasted on materialistic goods in my community, and in my country. I want to shift this endless wasting of time and funds, instead teaching people about being globally minded citizens, giving back to their communities.”

Dillan Prasad is an American teenager with a passion for charitable work. He has been a part of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF for over 6 years, and is deeply interested in the improvement of humanity, specifically focusing on health-related issues. Dillan attends New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. There he plays competitive soccer at the state level. He is additionally involved in Model United Nations, Tri-Ship Scholarship fund, and is an enthusiastic golfer.

Henry Goldberg | St. Marks School of Texas, Texas | Southwest Region

Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, Henry Goldberg attends St. Mark’s School of Texas and will be a senior in the 2015-2016 school year. After hearing Caryl Stern speak last year, Henry was so inspired by UNICEF’s mission that he decided to found a UNICEF Club at St. Mark’s. As the club’s president, Henry organized a Not My Life film screening that attracted almost one hundred viewers and a “Water Week” that used various contests and activities to raise awareness about the struggles involving clean water around the world. Outside of UNICEF Club, Henry has been actively involved in community service as a member of the St. Mark’s Community Service Board, especially concentrating his efforts on organizations that help children. He is also a member of the school’s Leadership and Ethics Council and sings in the school choir. In addition, he is an avid baseball fan and enjoys traveling and spending time at summer camp in Minnesota.
Jason Kim | Conestoga High School, Pennsylvania | Mid-Atlantic & Southeast Regions

Jason Kim is a rising senior at Conestoga High School, located in the suburbs of Philadelphia. Near the end of his sophomore year, he revived his school’s UNICEF Club. His desire for a better world for all fuels his determination to lead his school’s UNICEF Club. He leads a group of determined and like-minded individuals who share a belief in this mission to help children around the globe. Jason has successfully expanded the club’s size and influence, making it an active participant in the school community. Jason is excited to be more involved in UNICEF’s endeavors. In addition, he is helping organize TEDxYouth@Philadelphia – an independent TEDx event completely organized by youth that is to be held in Philadelphia this year. Jason is also an avid filmmaker, and helps student filmmakers bring their ideas into reality through film as the president of his school’s Film Production Club. His films have been screened at international film festivals, including one run by the White House. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis for leisure and for his school’s varsity team.

Melanie Ortiz | Dorado Academy, Puerto Rico | Northwest Region

Born in Puerto Rico, Melanie is currently a junior in her school Dorado Academy. As she moves towards the start of her senior year, Melanie is set on finding new ways to help, not only those around her, but all around the world. Melanie started her service for UNICEF this year. She unknowingly started not only the first UNICEF high school club in her school, but also Puerto Rico. She currently holds the president position and plans to continue in it until the end of her senior year. Through fundraisers and other events, she has managed to raise both money and awareness about UNICEF around her community. Melanie is not only fluent in both Spanish and English, but she also belongs to the Honor Society (Dorado Academy chapter), Society of Hispanic Professional engineers, as well as her school’s Model UN and Math clubs. In her spare time, Melanie is a published author on Amazon Kindle, has taken 3 years of singing lessons and most recently she has learned Basic Sign Language. Melanie hopes to use her position as National Council member to encourage others to help and make a change across her community and the world.

Pranav Srinivasan | Horace Mann School, New York | New York and New England Regions

Pranav Srinivasan is a 10th grader at Horace Mann School. He was born in Singapore, lived in New York for about 7-8 years, and for a period of 3 years he also resided in Hong Kong. His favorite sports include tennis and golf. He played on the tennis team for several years and continues to play at the John McEnroe Tennis Academy. He also plans on playing for his school’s golf team this year. Some of Pranav’s other passions and hobbies include travelling and working with UNICEF. He started his UNICEF High School Club a couple years ago, and has worked closely with many students, school faculty, and several members of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. His most memorable event with UNICEF was held during World Water Month in 2014 where he and his club hosted a basketball fundraiser and created a video with the Sacramento Kings to promote the Tap Project. He is really looking forward to his term on the National Council for the 2015-2016 school year!