

Governor's Honors Program

2020 Social Studies Simulation & Group Discussion Preparation

* Congratulations to those of you who have made it as semifinalists for consideration as social studies majors at this summer's Governor's Honors Program. The following information is to help you prepare for the last stage of selection that will take place at Berry College. *

This year's social studies selection will consist of a two-part process. As you prepare know that both parts are equal in value.

Simulation: All semifinalists will take part in a UN Security Council (2020) simulation. The current permanent members are the United Kingdom, France, the People's Republic of China, Russia and the United States. The other ten members are Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, Germany, Indonesia, Niger, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, South Africa, Tunisia and Vietnam. As a semifinalist you will play the role of one of these 15 member nations by random selection. The crisis will be based on one of the following topics/concerns:

1. Threat of armed conflict in South America.
2. Growing threat of war/conflict in Kashmir.
3. Threat of armed conflict and serious loss of life in North Africa.

Group Discussion: The second part of the social studies selection process is an assigned reading and guided discussion analyzing the significance and relevance of a subject in and to society. No roles are given. The focus will be on each semifinalist's analysis, listening and responding ability in a group environment. In each group there will be no more than 15 participants. Semifinalists will receive the assigned reading on the day of.