

VICS XXVIII



**Delegate
Handbook**

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Letter from the Secretary-General

Hello!

It is my honor to welcome you to the twenty-eighth iteration of the Virginia International Crisis Simulation. VICS holds a special place in my heart. Starting on VICS secretariat as a first year three years ago, I found a unique community dedicated to hosting an amazing conference who supported one another along the way. Three years later, I have the honor of leading this community as the Secretary-General, and having watched this community work and grow for the last three years, I know this VICS will be the best to date. Their hard work and dedication are truly unmatched.

Every year, VICS brings together delegates from across North America to negotiate creative solutions to the problems of the past, present, and future, as well as to build lasting friendships with other delegates in and out of committee. We hope that your VICS experience will include both the excellent debate and excellent social atmosphere that set VICS apart on the circuit.

I am beginning my fourth year with VICS for the same reason I hope you all will join me for it: for the amazing community of people who VICS brings together. I can't wait to see you in Charlottesville this March.

Best,
Stella Banino
Secretary-General, VICS XXVIII



Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 21st

- 1:00-6:00 PM — Registration/Check-In (Newcomb Hall 389)
- 7:00-7:15 PM — Opening Ceremonies (Newcomb Hall Ballroom)
- 7:30-9:30 PM — Committee Session I
- 9:30-10:00 PM — Head Delegate Feedback (New Cabell Hall 489)
- 10:00 PM-12:00 AM — Head Delegate Social (The Lawn)

Friday, March 22nd

- 11:00 AM-1:00 PM — Head Delegate Brunch (Garden V & Jefferson Hall)
- 5:30-7:30 PM — Committee Session II
- 7:45-9:15 PM — Committee Session III
- 9:30-10:00 PM — Head Delegate Feedback (New Cabell Hall 489)
- 10:30 PM-12:30 AM — Bar Night (Boylan Heights)

Saturday, March 23rd

- 9:30 AM -12:30 PM — Committee Session IV
- 12:30-2:30 PM — Lunch
- 2:30-6:00 PM — Committee Session V
- 10:00 PM-1:00 AM — VICSer (Phi Sigma Kappa, 1702 Gordon Ave)

Sunday, March 24th

- 11:00 AM -12:00 PM — Closing Ceremonies (Newcomb Hall Theater)

Committee Locations

General Assemblies

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
 - Wilson Hall 402

Specialized Agencies

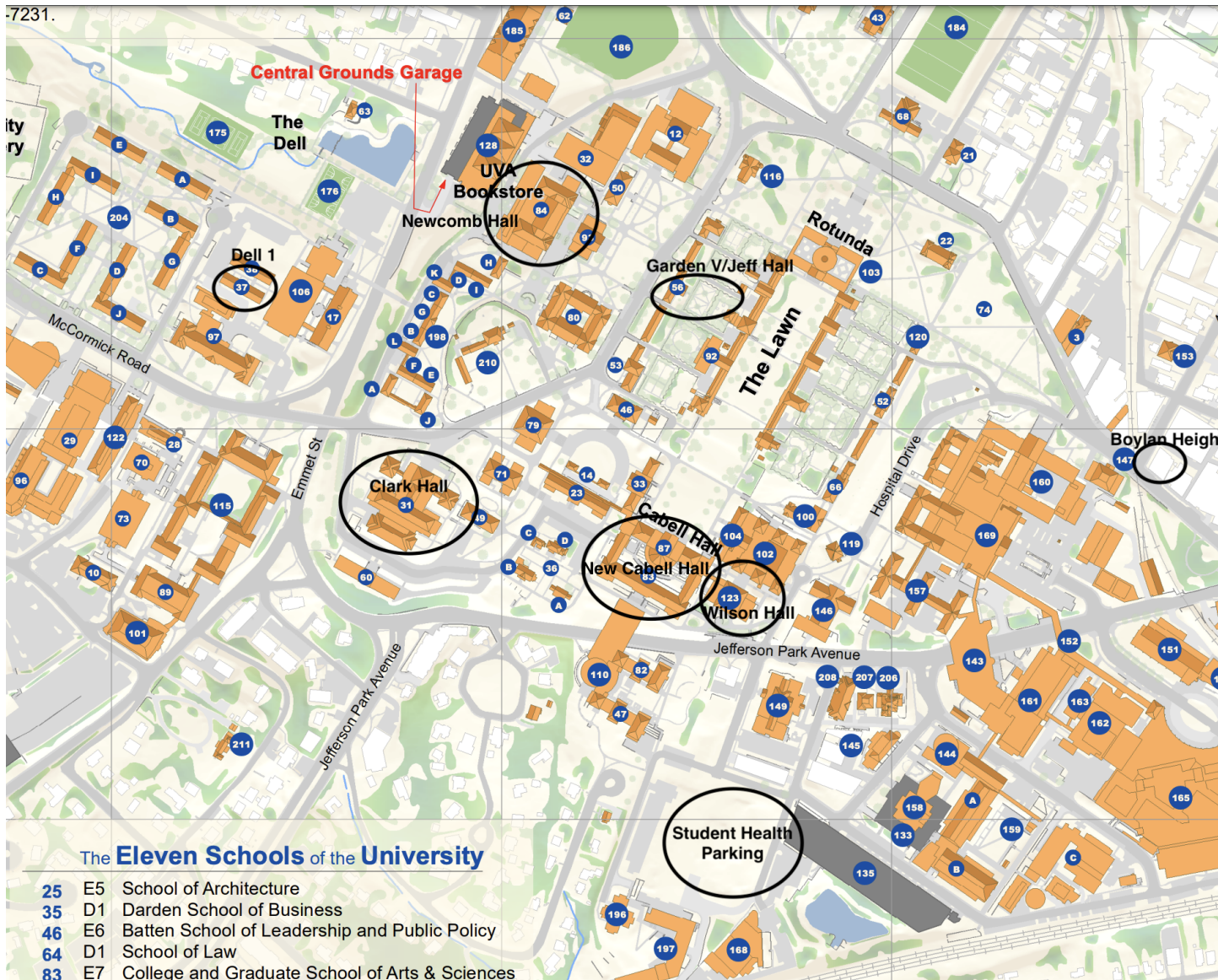
- Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Global Meeting of Wildlife Enforcement Networks, 2016 (Clark Hall 102 on Thursday, New Cabell Hall 323 on Friday & Saturday)

Crisis Committees

- All the Dreams Oil Can Du-Bai: The Unification of the United Arab Emirates, 1970 (New Cabell Hall 132)
- When Hell Hath Frozen Over: Nome City Council, 1908 (Dell1 105 on Thursday, New Cabell Hall 368 on Friday & Saturday)
- Joint Crisis Committee: The Vietnam War, 1954
 - Pho The People: The Vietnam War, 1954: Republic of Vietnam (South) (New Cabell Hall 364)
 - Pho The People: The Vietnam War, 1954: Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North) (New Cabell Hall 389)

- Tippecanoe Caught a Bad Flu: William Henry Harrison’s Cabinet, 1841 (New Cabell Hall 209)
- Net Success: English Premier League, 2019 (New Cabell Hall 291)
- All’s Fair in Love and Hip-Hop:The Rolling Loud Music Festival, 2023 (New Cabell Hall 309)
- Stux in the Cyberverses: Stuxnet, 2010 (New Cabell Hall 407)
- I Have a Very Bad Feeling About This: Star Wars, 4 ABY (New Cabell Hall 168)
- An Apple a Day Keeps Shinigami Away: A Death Note Mystery (New Cabell Hall 058 on Thursday, New Cabell Hall 232 Friday & Saturday)
- Brains Gone Too Far: NIH Brain Initiative, 2040 (Wilson Hall 214 on Thursday, New Cabell Hall 332 on Friday & Saturday)
- Ad-Hoc Committee of the Director-General
 - New Cabell Hall 068 on Thursday, New Cabell Hall 107 on Friday & Saturday
- Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General
 - New Cabell Hall on Thursday, New Cabell Hall 411 Friday & Saturday

Conference Map



Parking

Before 5 pm on weekdays (in most places), parking on Grounds has an hourly rate, which can be paid via the ParkMobile app. After 5 pm, certain locations on Grounds have free parking for cars, such as Scott Stadium (the football stadium). To learn more about parking at UVA, visit the following link. To view the hourly rates, visit this link. We recommend parking at either Central Grounds Garage or Student Health.

Conference Policies

Delegate Code of Conduct

VICS delegates are expected to exhibit a high level of professionalism and diplomacy at all times. This includes treating conference staff and fellow delegates with courtesy and respect, as well as demonstrating maturity in speech, actions, and appearance throughout the conference. Additionally, delegates are expected to adhere to any and all applicable policies of the University of Virginia and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of the United States of America.¹

Dress Code

VICS delegates must wear clothing that is professional. The dress code for VICS is Western Business attire. Failure to adhere to VICS' dress code may result in disqualification from awards.

Committee Attendance

Committee attendance is expected of all delegates unless the delegation's head delegate has notified the Secretariat in advance. Committee attendance will be enforced by roll call vote at the beginning of each committee session. Failure to attend committee session may result in disqualification from awards.

Sexual Harassment and Discrimination

¹All delegates competing at VICS must be over the age of 18

VICS will not tolerate discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability. If any delegate or conference staff member believes they have encountered an instance of discrimination, they are advised to bring it to the attention of the VICS Secretary General. Consistent harassment from individual delegates or larger delegations may result in disqualification from awards and a disinvitation from future VICS conferences.

Alcohol and Drug Use

Only those delegates age 21 or older may consume alcohol in Virginia. Open containers of alcohol may not be carried in public areas, including committee rooms and hallways. Furthermore, delegates found possessing or using illicit drugs, as defined by United States federal law, will be required to leave the conference immediately and may be held criminally liable.

Pre-Written Materials

Pre-written documents, including but not limited to draft resolutions, press releases, communiqués, and directives, are **strictly prohibited** at VICS. Although research is necessary to craft a strong position, delegates should not author collective action documents before the conference, as this only disadvantages delegates who receive their positions close to the conference date. We believe these pre-written documents undermine the spirit of collaborative diplomacy and academic rigor that we work hard to maintain at our conference. All Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Crisis Directors, and staff members are aware of this policy and will report any suspected pre-written materials to the Directors General.

Technology Use

The use of cellular phones, laptop computers, and other data-enabled devices is strictly prohibited during all VICS committee sessions. All research and preparation for the conference should occur prior to the first VICS committee session, and the use of technology during committee undermines the importance of this preparation. If a delegate is found to be using a prohibited device during any committee session, all VICS staff members reserve the right to confiscate the device and return it to its owner at the end of committee session. However, the use of technology in order to draft resolutions in General Assembly committees and Specialized Agencies is allowed only outside of the committee room during committee sessions and is confined solely to drafting working papers and resolutions. Chairs will check the edit history of documents to ascertain if there is any pre-writing or if technology was used outside of the committee sessions. Those found to have violated this policy may be disqualified.

Addressing Policy Violations

If a delegate is found to be in violation of any of the above conference policies, the VICS Secretariat may be alerted of the offense, and reserves the right to take disciplinary action including: suspension from conference activities, expulsion from all remaining conference activities, and dis-invitation of the individual delegate or delegation from subsequent VICS conferences. In some cases, the Secretariat will defer as necessary to the head delegate of the offending delegate or delegation for disciplinary action. In all cases where the Secretariat takes

action, the head delegate will be alerted.

Awards Policy

Delegate Awards

Chairs and Crisis Director's at VICS determine individual delegate awards based on their impact on committee, as demonstrated the quality of their speeches and directives/resolutions as well as their diplomacy. VICS gives out the following awards: Verbal Commendation, Honorable Mention, Outstanding Delegate, and Best Delegate.

Delegation Awards

VICS gives out four delegation awards: Best Small Delegation, Outstanding Small Delegation, Best Large Delegation, and Outstanding Large Delegation. A large delegation is defined as consisting of 12 or more delegates while a small delegation is defined as consisting of 11 or less delegates. In calculating delegation awards, double delegation awards will be double counted. In weighing awards, the following scale is used:

- Best Delegate: 50 points
- Outstanding Delegate: 30 points
- Honorable Mention: 20 points
- Verbal Commendation: 10 points

Important Links

- **Anonymous Reporting Form** (to report conference policy violations):
<https://forms.gle/eWYojfZUPxhawUck7>
- **Disability Access Form:** <https://forms.gle/1nL475BYwai5go4B9>
- **In-Conference Feedback Form:** <https://forms.gle/ZMJMpkRQiBX6eRcY8>
- **Website:** <https://iro-vics.org/>

Merchandise and Charity Information

Merchandise

VICS is proud to offer a diverse array of merchandise for purchase:

- Stickers (\$1)
- Shot Glasses (\$3)
- Long-sleeve Shirts (\$20)
- Tote Bags (\$25)

Merchandise will be sold through both the merchandise cart that will come to each committee as well as in the Secretariat Room (New Cabell Hall 489). We will accept both cash and Venmo (@iroatuva).

Charity Information

VICS is committed to giving back to the community. This year, VICS XXVIII is proud to be accepting donations for the International Rescue Committee (IRC). Founded in 1933, the IRC provides assistance to refugees and displaced persons, specifically focusing on economic wellbeing, education, health, empowerment, and safety. To learn more about the IRC, visit their website at [rescue.org](https://www.rescue.org).

All proceeds from our Candy Gram sales (\$3) will be donated to the IRC, so be sure to donate during conference weekend! This year, VICS is excited to be matching all delegate charity donations from our own profits. Candy grams

can be purchased via the merchandise cart that will come to each committee as well as in the Secretariat Room (New Cabell Hall 489). We will accept both cash and Venmo (@iroatuva). Be sure to include what committee you are in so it can be counted towards chair dares!

Charlottesville

Convenience Stores/Errands

- **Corner Grocery:** 1325 W Main St, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **CVS:** 1417 25 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Staples:** 243 Ridge McIntire Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Walmart:** 975 Hilton Heights Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22901
- **7 Day Jr:** 104 14th St NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Coffee/Quick Bites

- **Bodo's Bagels:** 1609 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Chick-fil-A:** 1000 Emmet St N, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Chipotle:** 1511 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Christian's Pizza:** 100 14th St NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Cook Out:** 1254 Emmet St N, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Five Guys:** 1119 Emmet St N, Charlottesville, VA 22905
- **Grit Coffee:** 19 Elliewood Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Möge Tee:** 109 14th St NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Raising Cane's:** 1519 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Roots:** 1329 W Main St, Charlottesville, VA 22903

- **Starbucks:** 1601 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **The Spot:** 1407 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Restaurants

- **Asado Wing & Taco Company:** 1327 W Main St, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Citizen Burger Bar:** 212 E Main St, Charlottesville, VA 22902
- **Fig Bistro:** 1331 W Main St, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Inka Grill:** 105 14th St NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Matchbox:** 2055 Bond St, Charlottesville, VA 22901
- **Mellow Mushroom:** 1321 W Main St, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Orzo Kitchen & Wine Bar:** 416 W Main St, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **The Virginian:** 1521 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Attractions/Shopping

- **Barracks Road Shopping Center:** 1117 Emmet St N, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **The Corner:** 1501 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- **Downtown Mall:** E Main St, Charlottesville, VA 22902
- **Monticello:** 931 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Charlottesville, VA 22902

