## Do you want to be a MUNOL delegate?

"The Model United Nations of Lübeck (MUNOL) is an annual student conference simulating the work of the United Nations (UN). Like the real United Nations, MUNOL deals with issues concerning world politics and tries to resemble the UN as authentically as possible. Therefore important UN bodies such as the General Assembly, including 1st to 6th Committee, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Human Rights Council and further commissions are simulated." <a href="http://www.munol.org">http://www.munol.org</a>

For a couple of years now, Katharineum has sent a delegation of about 6 to 10 students to the MUNOL conference organized by Thomas-Mann-Schule.

It has always been an enriching and inspiring, if intensive experience. About 300 students from Europe and other, more exotic parts of the world like Taiwan or Tanzania, dressed in business attire, speaking English only, represent a country they sometimes have not known more about than its mere name. They are expected to find out the most pressing problems about "their" country and fight for "their" interests according to the rules of the UN. In a short period of time they have to explore their country, its neighbors, friends and enemies, where the superpowers stand, what UN regulations actually mean to their people, how to efficiently get things done, how to do a little lobbying etc.

As everybody has to follow the rules, it is easy to get into contact with many different students/delegates. It is always amazing to see the motivation that keeps them going even after many hours doing research and writing papers.

And then there are the guest speakers, people who represent the values of the UN. Politicians, NGO volunteers, members of consulates and many more who inspire the delegates by example and words.

MUNOL 2019 takes place from May 20-25. If you are interested, you are welcome to write an application to Mr Welge (wge@katharineum.de), in which you introduce yourself and write a few words about why you want to join the Katharineum delegation. Please note, that you have to be 15 years of age and you have no other obligations at the time of the conference (Musical, Kursfahrt, Orchester etc.)! If accepted as a delegate, you will have to pay a fee (last year it was 40€), hand in a passport photo and it would be great if you could host a MUNOL delegate from abroad for the time of the conference.