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ALL THE CARDINAL'S HORSES AND ALL THE CARDINAL'S MEN: RICHELIEU'S PERSONAL GUARD 1616-1648

Cardinal Richelieu may not be the king, but he is certainly the most powerful man in France. Behind the scenes, he is a puppet master, pulling the strings of the army, the church, and the government all from his strategic perch of power. Faced with the Thirty Years' War, uprisings from the peasantry, angst from the nobility, espionage, and political intrigue, Richelieu must navigate through the highest offices of the 17th century French government while advancing his own personal agenda. This committee will be the carefully chosen collection of advisors that aid Cardinal Richelieu himself in his quest to dominate not only France, but Europe itself. Indeed, in the words of the Cardinal himself, "Secrecy is the first essential in affairs of state."



RYAN DONNELLY
CHAIR

Ryan Donnelly is a second year in the College studying Economics and Chemistry. He now lives in New York City, but grew up in lots of different states, notably Pennsylvucky. He is looking forward to ChoMUN XXIII after having been an assistant chair last year during ChoMUN XXII for Putin's Cabinet . He also was an assistant chair for a post-war British Cabinet in MUNUC, the University of Chicago's high school conference. Outside of Model UN, Ryan plays on the club ice hockey team, even though UChicago is not exactly known for their athletic prowess.

Additionally, he is an avid supporter of Chicago sports, especially the Blackhawks, the Bears, and the Cubs (his dad is from Chicago, so he's not just a front-runner). He also loves to play hockey, go sailing, and travel the world. He is also particularly fascinated by European history and has been since he was little. Looking at the intricacies of French history and the opportunities for deceit, he is really excited for this committee in ChoMUN XXIII and is looking forward to a great conference.



ANNABELLE RICE
CRISIS DIRECTOR

Annabelle is a third-year majoring in Public Policy and Political Science. Hailing from the Land of Laws, Annabelle left the brutal summers and coldhearted politics of Washington, DC for the brutal winters and kind, welcoming locals of Chicago, Illinois and regrets nothing about that decision. Last year, she was taken on as an Assistant Chair for the Liverpool Ministry by her beloved roommate and ChoMUN's Design Director Sofia Barnett because she "might be sort of good at it idk we just need staffers." When she's not doing MUN, Annabelle participates in Kappa Alpha Theta, Women in Law, reckless academic procrastination, and dining hall banditry. In her free time, she likes planning exotic vacations with her friends that neither herself nor her friends can afford, exploring new neighborhoods, running, drawing and playing guitar. Although she may have fallen asleep halfway through her AP Euro exam in her senior year of high school, rest assured that Annabelle is beyond excited to serve as Committee Executive for Cardinal Richelieu's Cabinet and is looking forward to a great ChoMUN XXIII.



STASYA RODIONOVA
CRISIS DIRECTOR

Stasya is a second year at the College studying Political Science, Statistics, and maybe Eastern European studies (honestly who knows??). She was born in Moscow but grew up in New York City and will single handedly fight anyone who claims Chicago-style pizza is better. Last year Stasya had a blast as an assistant chair at ChoMUN XXII for Putin's Cabinet (that's how she met Ryan!) and she's incredibly excited for what ChoMUN XXIII will bring. Other than ChoMUN, Stasya is also a chair for MUNUC, ChoMUN's sister conference for high school students, and travels with the UChicago MUN team. Outside of the MUNiverse, Stasya is a walking oxymoron, participating in MODA (UChicago's student fashion show and magazine), Humans v Zombies (one of the nerdiest campus traditions), dabbles in policy research, and occasionally paints and runs (not at the same time). She likes to spend her free time playing board games, making late-night dim-sum runs, and complaining about the bitter Chicago winters. Looking ahead to Richelieu's Cabinet at ChoMUN XXIII, Stasya cannot wait to see what kinds of clever schemes the delegates have in store for committee.

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KATHERINE LI, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL