

# Model UN Newsletter

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A total of 21 students participated in the Model United Nations program this year, representing Sweden and Brazil at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference in St. Louis, and Ireland in New York. With just three returning students from the previous year, this group of new Model UN'ers did an excellent job representing their countries on the various committees. In St. Louis, the students addressed the challenging issues of assisting refugees in conflict zones, combating transnational organized crime, treating and preventing malnutrition, and reviewing peacekeeping operations in Sudan. Students put in an amazing 28 hours in committee in just 4 days, passing multiple resolutions in each committee.

## Model UN 2010



2010 Wichita State Model UN Team  
at Union Station in St. Louis.

## International Students Contribute Depth

Every year the Model UN team attracts a number of international students on campus who have a particular interest in international relations. This year we were pleased to have students from Niger, Nigeria, and the Ivory Coast who added richness to our program. The team also had students with family roots in Jordan, Lebanon, Thailand, and China.



Abdoul Souley, Tanobla Konin, and Austin Okere

## WSU Delegates Selected for Staff Positions



Katherine Paige

Two of our returning WSU delegates took on a new adventure this year, serving as staff members at the St. Louis conference. Katherine Paige served as the Rapporteur for Second Committee,

and Eva Kurban served as Rapporteur for First Committee. Both women got the opportunity to briefly chair their committees as well. Both Eva and Katherine noted that the perspective on the other side of the Dias is quite a different experience from serving as a delegate. All staff members put in a tremendous amount of time to making the conference run smoothly, which often involves sleep deprivation!



Eva Kurban

## Looking forward to P-5 next year!

Every year at the Midwest conference in St. Louis, faculty advisors get to participate in a lottery for their country assignments for next year's conference. In recent years, WSU has gotten a very high number and all of the Security Council

members were taken well before we got to choose a country. This year was our lucky year, we got #2 in the lotto and opted to represent China! China is a permanent member of the Security Council, wielding a veto in the Council. The Security Council will be addressing the ongoing situation in Sudan/Darfur, and the current drug war in Mexico. Students will also sit on a Historical Security Council, which simulates Council debate on issues dating back in time. This year they will address the Greek military coup and the Naxalite guerilla war from 1967. This adds an extra research challenge for the delegates to become familiar with their country's position from long ago. In addition to China, students will be representing Switzerland.



## Irish Republic Mission Briefing



Aaron Rivers and Bronwen Johnson, partners in the General Assembly Plenary committee

Prior to the start of the National Model UN Conference in New York, our students had the opportunity to visit the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations. The Mission representative on the Fifth Committee, Ms. Nicole Mannion, met with our delegation for over an hour, answering student questions regarding Ireland's position on a variety of issues. She spoke particularly to the financial challenges the UN faces in carrying out its numerous operations around the world. She reminded the delegates that Ireland had a proud non-proliferation history, being the first country to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in 1968.



In front of the Irish Permanent Mission on 2nd Ave in New York



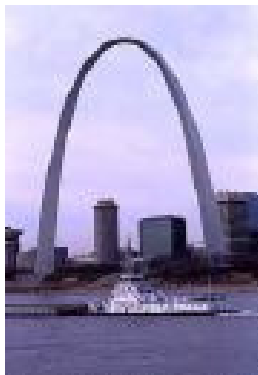
## St. Louis Delegations: Sweden and Brazil

Sweden: Abdoul Souley, Alex Ferenc, Justin Brown, Scott Zimmerman, Usef Hassouneh, Katherine Rodriguiz, Morgan Beliles, Andrew

Halverson, Allen Tang, Eva Kurban, Jackie Schulte.

Brazil: Tanobla Konin, Axel Chacon, Austin Okere, Amanda Babcock, Kelly

Riley, Bronwen Johnson, Katherine Paige, Zach Davidson, Wendy Fude, Aaron Rivers.



## High School Model UN Conference



All of the WSU Model UN students had the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January 2010 as we hosted our second annual Wichita Area Model UN (WA-MUN) for local high school students. We doubled our participation from last year with 11 high schools and 34 delegations represented by 101 students. We ran three concurrent General Assembly Plenary sessions on the topics of Peace on the Korean Peninsula, and Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas. Our students learned a lot about rules and procedures, as well as about professional conference behavior. For more information on this year's conference: [www.wichita.edu/wamun](http://www.wichita.edu/wamun).

## Scholarship Opportunity

**Did you struggle to make ends meet as a student? Did you feel torn between work and school?** The experiences of our students today are no different. We are raising funds for a Model UN Scholarship in the department. If you'd like to help support our outstanding Model UN students by contributing to this fund, send a check to: WSU Model UN scholarship.

Mail checks to the Political Science Department, attn: Carolyn Shaw, 1845 Fairmount St., Wichita KS, 67260-0017.

## Model UN Awards



Aaron Rivers

This year our team did not come home with as many awards as last year, but the students did bring home two awards from St. Louis.

Aaron Rivers received Outstanding Delegate on the Commission on the Status for Women, representing Brazil, and Aaron and Wendy Fude received Honorable Mention in the Ecosoc Plenary session. Congrats!



Austin Okere, Andrew Halverson—Head Delegate, Dr. Carolyn Shaw, Aaron Rivers, Eva Kurban

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## Picture Gallery



Kelly Riley, Bronwen Johnson, Amanda Babcock



Andrew Halverson, Eva Kurban  
Kat Paige, Jackie Schulte and Austin Okere



Allen Tang



Justin Brown and Alex Ferenc



Scott Zimmerman, Usef Hassounah, Axel Chacon



Kat Rodriguiz and Morgan Beliles