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Model UN Goes to the Galapagos Islands!



Spencer Nelson, Michael Brinkman, Luis Carbajal, Jon Abrahamsen, Dr. Shaw, Darren Beckham

This year MUN launched a new adventure: our first international Model UN conference! Five delegates flew to Quito, Ecuador and then on to the Galapagos islands to participate in the Latin American Model UN conference in January 2013. The students represented China and received a Distinguished Delegation award! After four days of hard work at the conference, the students got to visit the tortoise preserve, go snorkeling along the coast, and provide a day of community service hacking out invasive plant species with machetes (see more pictures on pg. 6).

Message from the Faculty Advisor



Dr. Carolyn Shaw

Greetings MUN Alumni!

I hope this message finds you doing well in 2013!

I can't believe it has been two years since my last MUN newsletter! I was away for sabbatical in Poland in Spring of 2011, and I just didn't find time to complete the newsletter in 2012. So this year's edition is packed full of updates on how the program is thriving.

2010-11 Delegates:

Nathan Walker, Lauren Hoch*, Tom Scanlon*, Usef Hassouneh*, Zach Davidson*, Sasha Hassouneh*, Hanah Hassouneh*, Josh Glaser, Joseph Clay, Danny Cooper*, Alex Rodriguez, Sahid Bhuiyan, Michael LeBlanc, Austin Okere, Dan Munoko, Chikondi Ngoma, Kenney Nguyen, Paris Royce, Alaina McWorter*, Luis Carbajal*, Darren Beckham, Jon Abrahamsen*, Eva Kurban*, Jessica Miller*, Kat Rodriguez

* indicates New York Delegates

*Special thanks to my colleague
Dr. Michael Hall who travelled with
the team during my sabbatical -
Spring 2011!*



Midwest Model United Nations, St Louis
Representing: China, Switzerland
and Antigua/Barbuda



National Model United Nations, New York
Representing: Jamaica

Award Recipients

Outstanding Position Paper:

Hanah Hassouneh
(Switzerland, UNICEF)

Outstanding Delegation Position

Papers: Luis Carbajal, Darren Beckham, Paris Royce, Alaina McWhorter, Chikondi Ngoma, Joseph Clay, Michael LeBlanc, Sahid Bhuiyan, and Hanah Hassouneh (Switzerland)

Outstanding Delegates:

Darren Beckham (China, Historic Security Council), Jessica Miller (China, Ecosoc), Sahid Bhuiyan and Michael LeBlanc (Switzerland, IAEA)

W. John and Connie O. McGuire Scholarship

Mr. W. John McGuire is an attorney practicing law in Washington, D.C. Prior to law school, he received his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Public Administration from Wichita State University. While at WSU, Mr. McGuire was a regular participant in the Model United Nations program,



including serving as the student coordinator during the 1979-80 school year. During his time as a member of the WSU Model UN program, Mr. McGuire was named Outstanding Delegate at the University of Pennsylvania Model UN Conference twice and was a member of several award winning delegations.

Following graduation from WSU, he served as under secretary general of the National Model UN in New York and served two additional years on its governing board. Mr. McGuire and his wife, Connie, established the W. John and Connie O. McGuire Model UN Scholarship to ensure that other WSU students have the opportunity, and to encourage them, to participate in Model UN.

Annual High School Model UN Conference

Each year WSU Model UN students have the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January as we host our annual Wichita Area Model UN (WA-MUN) for high school students. We regularly have 10-15 high schools with over 100 students representing approximately 35 delegations. Some of the topics addressed in recent years include: Food Security, Occupation of the Syrian Golan, Renewable Energy, the Palestinian Question, Nuclear Proliferation and Climate Change. Our students learn 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.

Recipients of the McGuire Scholarship



2011-12: Joseph Clay

Joseph has participated in Model UN for three years. He has attended six MUN conferences, serving on the GA 4th committee and the Security Council, and serving as Staff in his final year as Chair of the Security Council. He will be returning to Midwest MUN next year as a senior staff member, serving as the President of the Security Council. Joseph will be graduating this year with a degree in Political Science. He is a USMC veteran. He would like to seek employment in the area of disaster relief.

2012-13: Michael Brinkman

Michael has participated in Model UN for two years, serving on GA 3rd committee, UNODC, and the Commission on the Status of Women. He is an outstanding public speaker and delivered the opening plenary speech for China for our first international Model UN conference in Ecuador. Michael will be graduating this year with a degree in Political Science. He plans to seek an MPA with a focus on non-profit management.



2011-12 Delegates

Jon Abrahamsen, Darren Beckham*, Michael Brinkman*, Valerie Brockman*, Luis Carbajal*, Joseph Clay*, Danny Cooper*, Dima Hammouri*, Sasha Hassouneh*, Lauren Hoch*, Aaron Larcade*, Michael LeBlanc*, Adam Lofland, Zakk Malik, Spencer Nelson*, Alex Rodriguez, Kat Rodriguez, Paris Royce*, Brittany Thurman*, Jacque Tio

* indicates New York delegates



National Model UN, New York

Pictured at the Austrian Permanent Mission
after our mission briefing



Michael LeBlanc and Valerie Brockman



Luis Carbajal and Darren Beckham



Lauren Hoch



Danny Cooper and Kat Rodriguez

Midwest Model UN
Representing: Cuba,
Saudi Arabia, France (SC)
and Bosnia (SC)

National Model UN
Representing: Austria

2011-12 Awards

Outstanding Delegation Cuba:
Aaron Larcade, Darren Beckham,
Danny Cooper, Kat Rodriguez,
Michael Brinkman, Spencer
Nelson, Lauren Hoch

Outstanding Delegate and
Delegate's Choice: Valerie
Brockman (Saudi Arabia, CSD)

Outstanding Position Paper:
Lauren Hoch and Spencer Nelson
(Cuba, 6th committee)

MUN 2012-13



Adam Lofland, Alex Rodriguez, Andrea Luque, Benson Kalugendo, Brandon James, Brittany Thurman, Calvin Schuette, Kasey Donnell, Cassie Standley, Daniel Flynt, Danny Cooper, Darren Beckham, Dima Hammouri, Genesis Mercado, Jon Abrahamsen, Joseph Clay, Josh Walker, Luis Carbajal, Marisa Bayless, Michael Brinkman, Olivia Sullivan, Oscar Flores, Sean McLemore, Shaelynn French, Shelby Huxtable, Spencer Nelson, Vicki Brown

Chicago - Representing Honduras, Paraguay and Dominican Republic
St. Louis - Representing Chile and Japan, and Guatemala and India (SC only)

AMUN: ICJ

This year one of our delegates applied to serve as a justice on the International Court of Justice at the AMUN conference in Chicago. Danny Cooper sat with 12 other justices and reviewed the minute details of the cases of DRC v. Uganda, Macedonia v Greece, and a Malaysian and Singaporean memorial. The justices then wrote majority and minority opinions.



AMUN Awards

Outstanding Delegates: Cassie Standley and Casey Donnell (Honduras, GA 2nd)

Outstanding Delegation:
Sean McLemore, Oscar Flores, Shaelynn French, Adam Lofland, and Daniel Flynt (Honduras)

MMUN 2013: Record number of awards!

Outstanding Delegation: Kasey Donnell, Sean McLemore, and Brittany Thurman (Japan, ECOSOC)

Outstanding Delegate: Daniel Flynt, Josh Walker (Japan, GA 3rd)

Outstanding Delegate and Delegate's Choice:
Kasey Donnell (Japan, ECOSOC); and Darren Beckham (Guatemala, Security Council)

Honorable Mention:
Andrea Luque (Chile, CND)

Position Paper Award:
Andrea Luque (Chile, CND)



Jon Abrahamsen, Security Council



Blue footed booby



Darren Beckham



Spencer Nelson

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador 2013

(see story on p. 1)



Dr. Shaw and her sea lion friends



Michael Brinkman



Marine iguana



Luis Carbajal



Kicker Rock



Darren and Michael, opening speech

Next year: Representing Iran

Our delegates are looking forward to representing Iran as well as the Netherlands next year at the Midwest Model UN in St. Louis!



Future Travel to Turkey

Thanks to the continued strong support from both Student Government and the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, twelve team members are planning to travel to Antalya Turkey in March 2014 to participate in the Model United Nations Turkey (MUNTR). Antalya is on the southern coast and will provide opportunities

for students to see some of the famous historical areas of in the region as well as participate in the conference.



Alumni News

Ceci Crosa (MUN '09 alumna) returned to her native Paraguay after graduation and decided she wanted to continue the MUN tradition in Paraguay. She helped host the MINNU last year. This was an inter-collegiate National Model UN with 70 students from five universities, including delegates from other countries.



WSU on Staff at MMUN

WSU has had an increasing number of students and alumni serving as staff at the Midwest Model UN conference. This year we had six people on staff: Usef Hassounh, President of the Security Council; Joseph Clay, Chair of Security Council; Kat Rodriguez, Legal for Security

Council; Eva Kurban, Chair for GA 1st; Luis Carbajal, Legal for GA 1st; and Danny Cooper, Rapporteur



for GA 3rd. Next year Eva will be returning as the President of ECOSOC and Joseph will serve as President of the Security Council. These positions come with the responsibility of writing the background guides for the conference. We are proud of all your work!

MUN Retreats @ Camp Hyde

Each year WSU Model UN participants go on retreat for a day for team building exercises and personal challenge experiences. For several years we have been going to Camp Hyde outside of town. Students get to take on problem solving tasks as a group, as well as attack the climbing tower to see how far they can go!



Daniel Flynt



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Check out our webpage:
[www.wichita.edu/
modelun](http://www.wichita.edu/modelun)

I love to hear from alumni!
Drop me a note...

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Picture Gallery



Brittany Thurman and Olivia Sullivan



Adam Lofland



Josh Walker and Jon Abrahamsen



Casey Donnell, Brittany Thurman,
Sean McLemore



Cassie Standley and Oscar Flores



Andrea Luque and Genesis Mercado