AMUN names Argentina Outstanding Delegation

The Arkansas Model United Nations Secretariat chose Russellville High School’s Argentina delegation as the Outstanding Delegation for the 2004 conference held in November. The award was based on the delegation’s overall performance in the General Assembly, the delegation’s overall performance in the four General Assembly committees and the delegation’s position papers.

Eleven countries were also chosen as outstanding delegation honorable mentions including Caddo Hills Australia; Russellville Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Philippines; Conway Japan; Pope John Paul II Libya, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia; Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and Arts People’s Republic of China and Pulaski Academy Russian Federation.

The AMUN Secretariat also chose Outstanding Delegates for each of the committees and councils based on their performance during the conference. The Outstanding Delegates chosen were as follows:

- Carmen Bemrose (Benin), West Fork High School
- Grant Page (Russian Federation), Pulaski Academy
- Jordan Rippey (Pakistan), Pope John Paul II
- Seth Ritter (Philippines), Russellville High School
- Billy Watson (People’s Republic of China), ASMA
- Ken Young (Algeria), Benton High School
- Priya Badhwar (Russian Federation), Pulaski Academy
- Lynsey Molinaro (Nicaragua), Russellville High School
- Shuja Rayaz (Nigeria), Pulaski Academy
- Hailey Robison (Libya), Pope John Paul II
- Kara Tilly (Thailand), Special Political Committee
- Rachel Dean (Russian Federation), Pulaski Academy
- Blake Dixon (Peru), Russellville High School
- Chase Green (People’s Republic of China), ASMS
- Megan Lomax

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Rapporteurs discuss, share committee accomplishments

Rapporteurs from each committee presented a summary of their respective committee’s proceedings and accomplishments during the closing ceremony of the Arkansas Model United Nations Conference. Security Council Rapporteur Jordan Rippy (Pakistan, Pope John Paul II) said the quality of students in his committee was evident in their contributions.

“This year’s council was phenomenal,” he said. “We had great issues and good debates.”

The council passed two resolutions concerning Iraq and Sudan.

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UNEP passes resolution dealing with preserving biodiversity

In its inaugural year the United Nations Environment Programme accomplished more than most thought possible. The committee passed 6 resolutions in two days.

Sarah Siddiqui from Pulaski Academy representing the Russian Federation was elected Rapporteur. Siddiqui said, “I feel very accomplished. This has been a very valuable experience.”

The committee was challenged to find solutions to the environmental issues of ensuring municipal wastewater management and the protection of marine environments, preserving biodiversity in Latin America/Caribbean countries, and encouraging energy and sustainable development in the least developed countries.

The first resolution passed dealt with the run-off crisis that is affecting marine life, water supplies and the general populations health.

The resolution called for member states to participate by installing an appropriate run-off purification system whether a filter system or a bacterial tank system.

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MICJ Rapporteur Louis Morshead (Netherlands, Pope John Paul II) said “this year marked the inaugural setting of the Model International Court of Justice.” The court decided three cases including returning Guantanamo Bay to Cuba.

UNEP Rapporteur Sarah Siddiqui (Russian Federation, Pulaski Academy) said “without a doubt we as a committee were successful.”

ECOFIN Rapporteur Rebecca Tompkins (Libya, Pope John Paul II) said the committee discussed the reconstruction of the Iraq and Afghanistn economies and also globalization and the growing divide between the poor and rich. She said the group passed a resolution to “bridge cultural and economic gaps.”

“ECOSOC Rapporteur Hailey Robison (Libya, Pope John Paul II) said “our committee feels that we did indeed make a difference.” That difference included two resolutions on AIDS, two on developing countries, trade and one on the reduction of famine.

SOCHUM Rapporteur Allison Erkman (Pakistan, Pope John Paul II) said the committee passed a “landmark decision” that got Palestinian and Israeli support. “We had a great sense of compromise,” she said.

IAEA Rapporteur Heaven Mercer (Egypt, Pulaski Academy) said the committee passed seven out of 12 resolutions discussed.

Legal Committee Rapporteur Gary Noel (Venezuela, Pulaski Academy) said his committee discussed enemy combatants and crimes against humanity in Iraq. He said he was “very pleased with the outcomes.”

It also requested that established purification research centers to directly report findings to UNEP on a semi-annual basis.

The second resolution passed also encouraged wastewater management. It asked countries and the World Bank to contribute funds to assist in wastewater management in few Middle Eastern countries. It also requested that all countries pin-point their main source of pollution and to reduce all types of dumping back to a per capita amount.

The committee then moved on to the second topic, biodiversity in Latin American/Caribbean countries. The first of three resolutions passed pertaining to this topic urged Latin American countries to educate farmers about the adverse effects of slash and burn farming. It also encouraged countries to invite experts in to give farmers technical assistance in alternative farming methods.

The committee then passed a resolution that requests for logging companies to register destructive equipment, enforce a per capita weight limit on equipment, and authorized countries to suspend the logging rights of non compliant countries.

Finally the committee passed a resolution that proposed for countries to declare major areas of biodiversity as national preserves and to create a national agency to patrol these preserves. The countries could then open the preserves to tourism to support economy and create jobs.

One resolution was passed on the third and final topic, energy and sustainable development in least developed countries, LDCs. The resolution called for member states to form and ad hoc committee to help determine the best means of creating renewable energy in LDCs.

The committee would consist of member from the LDCs and experts of renewable energy.

It also requested that research centers exploring other types of renewable energy to report findings to UNEP on a biannual basis.
Security Council meets with Iraqi ambassador

The UN Security Council discussed in-depth the situation in Iraq and how to conduct Iraqi national elections during the Arkansas Model United Nations Conference held in November.

Algeria's Ken Young said democracy was not the solution for Iraq, and that the United States had created a country on the brink of civil war. Other delegates, including the Great Britain's, said "Iraq as a nation was already in chaos before the United States stepped in."

The Iraqi ambassador was allowed to speak before the committee and was asked if his country would allow the United Nations to supervise the country's elections. "We are willing and also needing support for these elections," he said. "We cannot conduct a free, safe and democratic election in Iraq without creating a safe environment for these elections."

However, he was against having military forces in place to ensure that safety. "Having troops at any polls throughout the country is out the question," he said. "That is not the way free and democratic elections are conducted."

He ended by saying democracy was what the people of Iraq wanted. "We are thankful to the United States' forces for riding Iraq of those against freedom," he said. "The Iraqi people are devoted to establishing a democratic government. "Democracies are not achieved easily, but that is our goal. We certainly do not wish to regress at this point."

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(Guatemala), Russellville High School
- Trent Morrow (Turkey), Parkview High School
- Adam Pasci (Pakistan), Pope John Paul II
- Nicholas Rogers (Japan), Conway High School
- Kendell Snyder (Italy), Mills University High School
- Christopher Evans (Nicaragua), Russellville High School
- Ashlyn Holeyfield (Guatemala), Russellville High School
- Jessica Mann (Japan), Conway High School
- Gary Noel (Venezuela), Russellville High School
- Emily Simon (Israel), Sheridan High School
- Mitchell Sloan (Mexico), ASMS

- Robert Summerford (Pakistan), Pope John Paul II
- Economic and Finance Committee
- Jenna Cleary (Thailand), Booker T. Washington
- Megan Greene (Turkey), Parkview High School
- Meghan Joiner (Russian Federation), Pulaski Academy
- Meagan Schumacher (Philippines), Russellville High School
- Rebeca Tompkins (Libya), Pope John Paul II
- Cody Wright (Spain), Subiaco Academy
- Allison Erkman (Pakistan), Pope John Paul II
- Stephanie Fite (Nicaragua), Russellville High School
- Grace Harnish (Democratic Republic of Korea), West Fork
- Rebekah Hotz (Guatemala), Russellville High School

- Brianna Jonak (People's Republic of China), ASMS
- Ekaterina Kotcherguina (Russian Federation), Pulaski Academy
- Sean Morell (Argentina), Russellville High School
- Tera White (Mauritius), Russellville High School
- Carl Gann (Costa Rica), Russellville High School
- Beth Halbrook (India), Benton High School
- Laura Johnson (People's Republic of China), ASMS
- Elena Magrans (Saudi Arabia), Pope John Paul II
- Sarah Siddiqui (Russian Federation), Pulaski Academy
- Jane Stitt (Iran), West Fork
- William West (Italy), Mills University Studies
- International Atomic Energy Agency
- Kenneth Green (Peru), Russellville High School
- Emily Harris (India), Benton High School
- Jung Min Kim (Republic of Korea), Parkview High School
- Heaven Mercer (Egypt), Pulaski Academy
- Will Walker (Argentina), Russellville High School
- Nicole Wright (Russian Federation), Pulaski Academy
- Model International Court of Justice
- Joe Barrett (Japan), Conway High School
- Casey Comer (United States of America), Huntsville High School
- Jennifer Gregory (France), Conway High School
- Cameron Gullett (United Kingdom), Malvern High School
- Justin Koone (Slovak Republic), Hot Springs High School
- Alexandra Snow (Egypt), Pulaski Academy
- Paige Tucker (People's Republic of China), ASMS
- Allyson White (Russian Federation), Pulaski Academy