HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK: Conway High School wins top Arkansas Model U.N. award

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LITTLE ROCK — The Conway High School Model United Nations program competed in the 42nd annual Arkansas Model U.N. conference held Nov. 16-17 at the University of Central Arkansas.

The conference is designed to simulate the actual U.N. and students are to act as representatives of various countries throughout the world.

Out of 60 schools competing from Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Oklahoma, CHS came out with the most awards for group delegation and individual delegates. Eleven schools were given honorable mention awards and CHS received the overall award, which is the biggest award given in conference.

Model U.N. is a program in which students are assigned a country to research and develop an appreciation for economic, political, and social aspects of that country. The countries assigned to CHS students this year are Australia, Iran, Israel, and Yemen.

The Overall Outstanding Delegation award was given to the country of Iran. Every student who competed with this country also won individual awards. Students who competed and won Outstanding Delegate awards are senior Nicholas Rogers for the Special Political Committee; junior Dustin Crow for the Legal Committee; Juniors Gray Shakleford and Austin Ross for the Economics and Finance Committee; and sophomore Willis Arnold and junior William Hash for the Social Humanitarian Committee. These students also won best position paper, which is an extemporaneous essay in which they wrote about enhancing the effectiveness of U.N. peace keeping operations throughout the world.

Other students who received Outstanding Delegates for their efforts working with the countries of Australia, Israel, and Yemen are freshman Amy Anderson, seniors Jasmine DeFreatis and Devin Hueston. Senior Andrew Hoelscher won Outstanding Delegate for the Model Arab League.

American History teacher William Richardson is the sponsor for CHS Model U.N.
This year CHS came out of conference with the most Outstanding Delegate awards that it has ever received. Rogers, in his fourth year of competing and receiving an Outstanding Delegate award, commented that “it was great to go out with a bang.”