Conway students earn awards at Mid-South Model UN Conference

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Conway High School students won several awards during the 2013 Mid-South Model United Nations Conference at Rhodes College in Memphis last week, according to a news release.

The "learning" conference promotes "education and awareness of international policy and values," according to the Rhodes College website. Rhodes' Model UN Coordinator Jon-Cody Sokoll said in email the college wants to help "afford students the opportunity to understand what coming to a consensus on a public policy issue is like and inspire those same students to participate in the debates of their generation."

Students earning awards were: Selene Spatz, senior, best overall delegate in Special Political Committee; Zoe Allison, junior, best overall delegate in the Security Council Committee; Caroline Osborn, senior, second place for best overall delegate in the Economic and Social Council; and Sigan Chen, senior, best overall position paper in the Social and Humanitarian Committee. Delegates helping to sponsor winning position papers were Laura Craig, Keegan Fletcher, both seniors, and Tristan Thompson, sophomore.

Sophomore Bailey Craig attended the conference as an observer.

Conway High School took seven students who competed. All of those students helped sponsor winning position papers, according to an email from the high school.
The high school is among the top delegations at the conference this year, according to the news release. The students were among about 350 high schoolers from 15 schools across the mid-south to participate.

Conway students competed against stiff competition from the best Model UN schools in the Memphis area and the Mid-South region. Conway High School had more winners than any of the other Arkansas schools at the event, said William Richardson, advanced placement history teacher in email.