

SWOSU Model UN Delegation Wins Two Honors

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The SWOSU delegation was among approximately 550 students from 50 universities that participated in the Model UN.

Attending from SWOSU were: Andrew Keen, William Blackwell, Alyssa Chapman, Carrie Myers, Melissa Bowen, Christopher Robinson, Rachel Yackeyonny, Kim Beight, Whitney Decker, Carlos Bates and Caitlin Harwell. At the closing ceremony, the SWOSU delegation was awarded an Outstanding Delegate Award and a Delegate's Choice Award chosen by the other delegates.

Each delegate had to write a position paper on at least one topic and debate and negotiate to get that position included in resolutions. All the SWOSU delegates succeeded in getting their positions included in resolutions. Some of the topics were establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms; preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin, and repatriation of illicit funds to the countries of origin; intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women; and more.

The keynote speaker for the conference was the Honorable Andreas Riecken, Deputy Chief of Mission for Austria to the United States of America.

Each spring the SWOSU Social Science Department offers a Model UN class. Applications for the Model UN class for spring 2012. Please contact Ambassador Kenneth Tillett for further information at 580.774.7134 or kenneth.tillett@swosu.edu.