

BOSTON COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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Boston College wins the Outstanding Delegation Award at the Invitational Model UN Conference in Washington, DC

CHESTNUT HILL—Boston College Model United Nations won the Outstanding Delegation Award for its representation of the United Kingdom at the Invitational Model United Nations Conference held November 17-20, 2005. The conference was co-hosted by Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and the American Center for International Policy Studies (AMCIPS) in Washington, DC. 180 students represented forty countries on three committees. Boston College won the award, which is given to the top five delegations, despite the handicap of a relatively small delegation of four students and representation on only two of the three committees.

Four seniors represented Boston College: Mark Irvine (A&S '06, International Studies), Lauren Johns (A&S '06 International Studies), Evan Joye (CSOM '06, Finance), and John Powell (A&S '06, Philosophy and Political Science). They are advised by Political Science Professor David Deese.

Irvine and Johns debated UN reform and Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program on the Security Council while Joye and Powell covered nonproliferation and conventional weapons controls on the General Assembly's First Committee on Disarmament and International Security. In both committees, BC delegates proposed and managed to engineer the passage of resolutions in line with British policy.

The conference began on Thursday evening at the State Department in Foggy Bottom with an address from Dr. Mark P. Lagon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, on the U.S. role in the United Nations. On Friday morning, the four seniors attended a private briefing at the British Embassy by two Political Officers with specialties in UN issues and arms control. "Talking to real practitioners of international relations gets you beyond the theories—they can relate how states actually pursue goals while interacting with one another," said Lauren Johns. John Powell, fresh from a year abroad at Oxford, said of the experience: "You learn so much about world affairs by putting yourselves in the position of another country."

"Model United Nations has helped me to better understand the intense foreign policy debates we read about every day," stated Evan Joye. Joye, a Finance major, went on to point out that Model UN is not just for International Studies or A&S majors.

"We want to thank Professor Deese and the entire BC community for their support," stated Mark Irvine. "It was an honor for us to represent BC at this invitational event. We wish the best to next year's BC team. We encourage anyone interested in world affairs to get involved with Model UN," Irvine concluded.

Boston College Model United Nations will represent Belarus and Libya at the McGill Model United Nations Assembly in Montreal, Quebec in January and Israel and South Korea at the Harvard National Model United Nations conference in February.



Evan Joye, John Powell, Mark Irvine, and Lauren Johns receive the Outstanding Delegation Award from Dr. Shelton Williams (center) of AMCIPS at Sunday's Closing Ceremonies.