

## **Model U.N. team continues world-record winning streak**

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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Model United Nations team distinguished itself as owner of a world-record 24 consecutive Outstanding Delegation awards at the 2008 National Model U.N. competition.

The team earned its most recent Outstanding Delegation distinction for its representation of South Africa when it competed April 21 to 26 at U.N. headquarters in New York City.

Kenneth J. Grieb, International Studies coordinator and UW Oshkosh Model U.N. Organization faculty adviser, called this winning streak an “amazing accomplishment.”

“This makes a significant statement about the quality of students at UW Oshkosh and the quality of education those students are receiving, by demonstrating that generations of UW Oshkosh students stand well above their peers from other universities throughout the country and, indeed, the world,” Grieb said.

Five UW Oshkosh student committee members of the South African delegation also were named outstanding delegates for exceptional work in their committees — more than any other country at the competition — and two were elected as vice presidents.

The international competition is the largest of its kind and involves 4,700 students from 290 universities representing 37 states, five Canadian Provinces and 26 countries on five continents.

Students are judged on their diplomatic and negotiating skills, their ability to write legal documents that embody the agreements reached by the U.N., the accuracy with which they represent their respective nations, their knowledge of global issues, their familiarity with the U.N. system and its procedures, practices, bodies and committees, and their speaking ability.

The UW Oshkosh delegation also received an Outstanding Position Paper Award for the student-written papers submitted in advance of the sessions. The position papers were reviewed by diplomats and U.N. officials, who praised their accuracy and clarity.

“I am really excited about the level of detail in your questions and research, which demonstrate extensive knowledge about Africa. It is a pleasure to meet with a group of students so intensely knowledgeable about African affairs,” said Patrick Hayford, director of the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary General on Africa, at the conclusion of a two-hour position-paper review and question-and-answer session with UW Oshkosh students.

UW Oshkosh students Jeremiah D. Slinde and Carolyn Kirchhoff were elected vice presidents of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, respectively.

The UW Oshkosh students recognized as outstanding delegates of their committee were Mary Nikoo and Robert Reeves IV in the Third Committee; Amanda Cone and Steven Koplitz in the Second Committee; Kirchhoff, head delegate, and David Litman in the Economic and Social Council; Corey Edwards and Rebecca Kemnitz in the Commission on Human Settlements; and Veronica Dreymler and Kasey Erb in the African Union.

This year's participants included the following students:

**Baraboo**

*Amanda Cone*, Outstanding Delegate of the Second Committee

**Fond du Lac**

*David Litman*, Outstanding Delegate of the Economic and Social Council

*Patrick O'Loughlin*

*Brandon Strand*

**Marathon**

*Rebecca Kijack*

**Madison**

*Brenna Ranzen*

**Manitowoc**

*Robert Reeves IV*, Outstanding Delegate of the Third Committee

**Marshall**

*Kasey Erb*, Outstanding Delegate of the African Union

**Milwaukee**

*Carolyn Kirchhoff*, Head Delegate, Outstanding Delegate and Vice President of the Economic and Social Council

*Mary Nikoo*, Outstanding Delegate of the Third Committee

**Oconto**

*Demetria Dickinson*

**Omro**

*Steven Koplitz*, Outstanding Delegate of the Second Committee

**Oshkosh**

*Corey Edwards*, Outstanding Delegate of the Commission on Human Settlements

*Andrew Fisher*

*Matt Kitzman*

*Alex Kurowski*

**River Falls**

*Benjamin Thornsberry*

**Stoughton**

*Marci DeYoung*

**Union Grove**

*Kayleigh Benson*

**Waupun**

*Veronica Dreymler*, Outstanding Delegate of the African Union

**Wausau**

*Rebecca Kemnitz*, Outstanding Delegate of the Commission on Human Settlements

**Wauwatosa**

*Jane Reinhardt*

**West Bend**

*Jeremiah Slinde*, Vice President of the General Assembly.