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Model UN Students Cap Off a Productive Weekend at the CMU Conference

On Sunday, January 28, 2018 the Riverview Model United Nations team capped off a productive weekend at the fifth annual Crisis and CMU Conference. The weekend began with the team earning 4 awards at the Duquesne University Conference and culminated with a team of 12 students taking home 8 awards at the Carnegie Mellon University Conference. The two-day crisis conference at CMU included ten schools and assigned students roles in a fast-paced, high stakes game of revisionist history. The conference focused primarily on three specific historical situations: Italian Renaissance City-States, the division of North and South Sudan, and the Balkan Crisis of the 1990's. It was a great experience for all students gaining them experience in negotiation, critical thinking, and creative writing. The twelve members of the team should all be recognized for their passionate debate and innovative ideas throughout the weekend. The team consisted of two Juniors: Jake Glaser and Seth Merryman, and ten Sophomores: Mikaela Collins, Valerie Fiore, Jack Harden, Francesca Lio, Lilly Noble, Emily Pietragallo, Marina Pietz, Eugene Pronio, Jake Shoop, and Forrest Steele. Members winning awards were:

Mikaela Collins and Eugene Pronio – First Place Best Delegation as Hungary in the Bargaining in the Balkans Committee

Marina Pietz – Honorable Mention as Rebecca Nyandeng de Mabior in the South Sudan Room of the Sudanese People's Liberation Committee

Seth Merryman - Honorable Mention as Michael Milli Husein in the South Sudan Room of the Sudanese People's Liberation Committee

Forrest Steele - Honorable Mention as Fillipo de'Medici in the Milan Room of the Italian City States Committee

Francesca Lio – Honorable Mention as Francesco Torriani in the Milan Room of the Italian City States Committee

Lilly Noble - Honorable Mention as Tiziano Vecelli in the Venice Room of the Italian City States Committee

Jack Harden - Honorable Mention as Alessandro de'Medici in the Florence Room of the Italian City States Committee

Jake Glaser - Honorable Mention as Giovanni de'Medici in the Florence Room of the Italian City States Committee

Congratulations to all team members for a great weekend. The Model UN team has its next competition at Johns Hopkins University on the weekend of February 8 – 11.