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Columbia University Model UN

Over the weekend of January 12-15, 2017, six Riverview students competed at the 16th annual Columbia University Model United Nations Conference and Exposition. The team of Dana Grover, Danielle Hanlon, Lena Ison, Emma Patterson, Liam Gaynor, and Calvin Hogate spent the weekend debating and negotiating with approximately 750 students from 5 different continents. The Columbia conference, which is one of the most difficult to gain entry into, filling its delegation registration allotment in less than 8 hours, provides delegates with a unique experience. While at the conference, students "live" in the city while taking the subway to the Columbia campus for sessions. Also while at the conference, the students had an opportunity to meet with an actual United Nations delegate from the Permanent Mission of the Holy See. Our students learned a great amount about international diplomacy at this conference and were able to utilize these ideas in committee, leading the discussions throughout the weekend. Many of our student's ideas were discussed during closing ceremonies and one member of our team was recognized with an award.

Emma Patterson won a Second Place Outstanding Delegate Award for her role as Powhatan in the Settlers of Jamestown Committee.

Congratulations to the entire team for another great weekend. The underclassmen on the team now begin to look toward the Duquesne University (January 27) and Johns Hopkins University (Feb 9-12) Conferences as the seniors turn their attention to planning and fund raising for the Rome International Model United Nations in March.

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