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WLU students receive special recognition at model UN conference

Eight students from Wilfrid Laurier University were recognized with awards for their contribution to the 37th annual Harvard National Model United Nations in Boston Feb. 28 to March 3.

The Laurier delegation, involving 26 political science students, represented Canada at the four-day event. About 1,800 students from more than 100 universities across North America and Europe participated.

Debate ranged from deliberation on a chemical weapons test-ban treaty to reforms of the International Monetary Fund.

Lev Gonick, a WLU professor of political science and faculty adviser to the delegation, said this was Laurier's largest representation at the Harvard conference. "Our students worked very, very hard, and the results were extremely rewarding."

Students recognized for contributing the most to their committee's work include: Samantha Arnold and Lisa Ploder (economic and finance); Rebecca Tiessen and Carolyn Gruske (social, humanitarian, and cultural); Steve Gillespie and John Bruggeman (crime prevention).

Wlad Kinastowski and Joe Hache received honorable mentions for their contribution to the political and security committee.

All of the students received certificates.

Concordia University in Montreal and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. won the overall event.