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Sophomore Garrett Allen Wins Best Delegate Award for International Court of Justice

Members of the GWU Model UN Team who represented Croatia were from left, Chris Russell, Grace Love, Cierra Jennestreet, Gabriel Hoyle and Garret Allen. Allen won a best delegate award at the conference. Not pictured are Luke Kunkel and Matthew McCray. Photos by GWU student Zuridai Jaimes

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University sent its largest delegation in recent years to compete in the Southern Regional Model United Nations (SRMUN) conference held recently in Atlanta, Ga. Model United Nations (UN) events for students are a simulation of real-life UN meetings.

Participating schools are assigned a country to represent, and team members pursue the interests of their country in various committee meetings, such as World Health Organization, International Criminal Police Organization, International Court of Justice and others. The 11 students on GWU's team represented the countries of Croatia and Guatemala. To prepare for the event, the students researched the issues, wrote papers and met weekly for practice sessions since the beginning of the semester.

Garret Allen won the Best Delegate Award for the International Court of Justice, which is perhaps the most intensive committee at SRMUN, said Dr. Casey Delehanty, assistant professor of global studies and adviser for the group.

“Despite incredibly stiff competition, Mr. Allen also succeeded in winning his case, ‘Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Croatia v. Serbia),’” Delehanty added. “In fact, he out-performed his real-life counterparts in Croatia, who lost the case in 2015. Overall, the team performed incredibly well, especially considering that most of them were first-timers.”

Allen, a sophomore economics/finance major from Kings Mountain, N.C., began participating in Model UN when he was a student at Cleveland Early College High School in Shelby, N.C. He said the most challenging aspect of the event is being ready to speak at a moment's notice on your topic. “This case was extremely detailed and, like in real life, was

a hard case to fight,” Allen shared. “It taught me a lot about Croatia and the experiences of the people who had to deal with the fighting. The best part of the conference is listening and working diligently with other delegations to find solutions to problems.”

Members of the GWU Model UN team who represented Guatemala were, from left, Gauge Tillman, Grace Burgin, Bryan Morales-Gonzalez and AJ Terry.

Other members of the GWU team are:

- Grace Burgin, of Iron Station, N.C., a freshman nursing major
- Gabriel Hoyle, of Greensboro, N.C., a junior global studies major
- Cierra Jennestreet, of Onley, Va., a junior biology major
- Luke Kunkel, of East Bend, N.C., a healthcare management major
- Grace Love, of Shelby, N.C., a junior global studies major
- Matthew McCray, of Rougemont, N.C., a sophomore sport management major
- Bryan Morales-Gonzalez, of Newton, N.C., a junior computer information systems major
- Chris Russell, of Charlotte, N.C., a sophomore computer science major
- AJ Terry, of Charlotte, N.C., a sophomore finance major
- Gauge Tillman, of Cherryville, N.C., a senior political science major

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