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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Three South Carolina high schools were awarded top honors March 24 at the 30th annual Model United Nations at Winthrop.

Northwestern High School of Rock Hill, whose team represented Syria, took the Winthrop Cup, the event’s most coveted award. Fort Mill High School of Fort Mill, S.C., representing Japan, captured the Secretariat Award for contributing the most to the success of the conference. The Geoffrey Bruce Award for the delegation acting most in character of its country went to the James F. Byrnes High School team from Duncan, S.C., representing Cuba.

Top committee performers were: Brielle Weinstein, Pinewood Prep, representing Zimbabwe; Olivia Reburn, Northwestern, Syria; and Jessica Lovins, Fort Mill High, Japan, all in the Social and Humanitarian Committee. Jordan Pace, James F. Byrnes High, Cuba; Cameron Pruette, Northwestern High, Argentina; and Jordan Smith, James F. Byrnes High, Pakistan, were outstanding in the Legal Committee.

Others were: Jonathan Cote, Fort Mill High, Japan; Mike Smith, Northwestern High, Syria; and Andrew Barber, James F. Byrnes High, Cuba, in Political and Security; and John Brock, S.C. Governor's School for Math, Science and Technology; Justin Reppert, Fort Mill High, Japan; and Heather McEntire, Pinewood Prep, Russia, for the Security Council.

Standouts in the General Assembly were Lorcan Ingham, Lexington High, Liberia; Mike Smith, Northwestern High, Syria; and Borden Morehead, James F. Byrnes High, Pakistan. The United Nations Reform Committee awards went to Andy Shin, West Florence High, Brazil; Morgan Pierce, Fort Mill High, Germany; and Hagan Blades, Northwestern, Syria.

The 30th annual Model United Nations was held March 22-24 in Tillman Hall. Hundreds of students representing more than 35 high schools from North and South Carolina participated in this year’s event.