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ROCK HILL, S.C. - A North Carolina high school and two South Carolina high schools were awarded top honors April 1 at the 29th annual Model United Nations at Winthrop University.

**Harding University High School** of Charlotte, N.C., whose team represented the West African country of Benin, took the Winthrop Cup, the event’s most coveted award. **Fort Mill High School** of Fort Mill, S.C., representing the countries of Ireland, China and Canada, 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 **Northwestern High School** of Rock Hill, which represented Russia.

**Top committee performers were:** Chris Granger (Turkey) of Harding and Megan Robinson (Ireland) and Stephen Hou (Canada), both of Fort Mill High, Social and Humanitarian Committee; and Sagar Indurkhya (Benin) and Belal Elrahal (Turkey), both of Harding and McKenzie Smith (Spain) of Christ Church Episcopal School, Greenville, S.C., Legal Committee.

**Others were:** Jeffrey Poley (Iran) of Harding, Justin Reppert (China) and Jonathan Cote (Ireland), both of Fort Mill, Political and Security; Caitlin Musgrave (China) of Fort Mill, Robert Dodson (Algeria) of Westminster Catawba Christian School of Rock Hill, and Anthony Ives (Benin) of Harding, Security Council.

For the **League of Arab States**, Ali Rogers (Syria) of Northwestern, Hagan Blades (Lebanon) of Northwestern and Jamal Rabieh (Djibouti) of Airport High in Columbia, S.C., received recognition. Standouts in the General Assembly were Andrew Barber (Libya) of James F. Byrnes High of Spartanburg, S.C., Nikul Patel (Benin) of Harding and Marty Pendleton (Canada) of Fort Mill.

The **29th annual Model United Nations** was held March 30-April 1 in Tillman Hall. Hundreds of students representing more than 20 high schools from North and South Carolina participated in this year’s event.