Stockton University Students Receive Awards at National Model United Nations in Japan

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University students representing the United Kingdom at the National Model United Nations (NMUN) program in Japan this week were named a Distinguished Delegation by a vote of their peers, while four team members received awards for outstanding position papers and two were named best delegates.

About 20 percent of the delegates to the international event, run by the non-profit National Collegiate Conference Association, receive awards each year. Delegations were judged on how well they remained in character, participated on committees and properly used procedures.

"Yelling, standing on chairs and other examples of unprofessional behavior are not characteristics of model diplomats," said the NMUN in explaining its criteria.

The delegates from Stockton are: Rich Nuccio, a senior Criminal Justice major from Brick, N.J., David Yoon, a senior Political Science major from Cherry Hill, N.J., Angelo Bechara, of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., a senior who is double majoring

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building a resilient world through disaster risk reduction; protecting children in crisis and conflict, and addressing and adapting to the effects of climate change on the environment; the situation in North Korea and conflict prevention and the empowerment of women and girls.

Bechara and Mitchell, who were named best delegates, worked on the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees committee dealing with protecting children in conflict and crisis.

"Our U.K. delegation worked with two main groups, the EU and a multilateral alliance built with the United States," the two explained in a statement. "We focused our working groups toward writing resolutions that specified social and emotional learning as a primary tool to help children in refugee camps develop and thrive in the future. We were the main sponsors for two out of the six passed resolutions in our committee, after merging with four different working groups."

Nuccio and Yoon, who were on the Security Council, received an award for outstanding position paper. Papers were evaluated as to the overall quality of writing, style and grammar; citation of relevant resolutions/documents; general consistency with bloc/geopolitical constraints; and consistency with the constraints of the United Nations.

Nuccio said: "Our delegation contributed to two major resolutions: one establishing peace talks which would end military tensions on the Korean Peninsula, and another that created a long-term, multi-pronged approach to successfully re.9(i)2.6(c)-2(y) dillf.9(r n)2.7(on)16(al)2((-0.002 Tnd)]Tr)-5.9(aw