



Hollins Students Named Outstanding Delegation at Model UN

Roanoke, Va. - Hollins University senior Samantha Toney and junior Brittany Walker were honored as one of the Outstanding Delegations at the American Model United Nations (AMUN) International Conference, held November 18-21 in Chicago.

Toney, Walker and 13 other Hollins undergraduates were among 1,400 students representing approximately 70 colleges and universities from the U.S. and around the world at the annual conference. The AMUN strives to combine educational quality with highly realistic simulations of the United Nations to give students an unparalleled Model UN learning experience.

The Outstanding Delegation awards are peer-voted. They are presented to the delegations that are deemed most prepared for the Model UN and demonstrate the best ability to achieve consensus on an issue. Caucusing and speaking skills are also considered. At the Model UN in Chicago, Toney and Walker served as a delegation from India and focused on successfully crafting a resolution that would positively impact that country's interests.

“The other students in their committee used every trick in the book to keep Samantha and Brittany from even bringing their resolution to the floor,” said Edward Lynch, associate professor of political science at Hollins and faculty advisor for the university's Model UN Club, “but these two Hollins women never gave up. They persuaded people in private conversations. They moved delegates with their speeches. And they had a few tricks up their sleeves as well!

“All the Hollins Model UN students worked hard. I am proud to be their advisor.”

The 2006 conference was Toney’s fourth and final Model UN as a Hollins student. However, she plans to return next year as a member of AMUN’s all-volunteer staff. This year was Walker’s first conference as a Hollins student, but she is a seasoned Model UN veteran, having participated in the program since the sixth grade.

Toney, from Boones Mill, Virginia, is double-majoring in psychology and English. She plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career as a marriage and family therapist. Walker, of Brunswick, Georgia, is majoring in philosophy and political science with a pre-law emphasis. Eventually, she hopes to work with the FBI in their Crime Scene Investigation division.

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