

## Learn World Problems

At the trip to Harvard for the final meeting of the year, Model members (1) get a glimpse of the streets of Boston.

While at the conference representing Mongolia, UN freshman Nicholas Burton and junior Isabella Smith (2) listen to one of the other delegations speak about the committee's topic, the Sustainable Development Goals and their future. "The main thing that model UN taught me this year was to have more of a global outlook on issues and in general," Burton said. "Going to conferences where there are people from so many different countries is an eye-opening and educational experience that cannot be replicated in many different scenarios."

In this specific conference, Nicholas Burton and Isabella Smith (3) address sustainable development goals that

would benefit the world to meet by 2030. Junior Isabella Smith debates on what the most beneficial solutions to our world's conflicts. "I learned how to compromise on ideas, and how to work with people who share different views in order to meet a common goal," Smith said. "And I am very passionate about finding solutions to the world's problems, so Model UN gives me an outlet to think about these things and talk to other people who share common interests."

Since this is senior Haley Schumann's (4) last year in Model UN and as its president, she encourages the new team to leave a legacy. "I love the team. I get to help all these quiet people grow into quick thinking," Schuman said. "And I hope that as I graduate the team continues to fight for their spot, and that they continue to help new, shy kids the way it helped me."

**First Row:** Anna Clinton, David Sharp IV, Nicholas Martens, Grace Monroe, Iris Pierce, Nicholas Burton, Lily Kujaczski, Andrew Branstetter, Alexa LaDuke, Kayla Eklund, Sarah Donovan, Isabella Smith, Abigail Bell

and Avery Hesling. **Not Pictured:** Hayden Garside, Grace Foster, Regan McCarthy, Alyssa Noneman, Haley Archambault, McKenzie Eskler, Clara Sandell, Haley Schumann and Malissa Howe.



**First Row:** Haley Schumann, Nathan Thompson, Liberty Ashbaugh, Lexis Wasick, Miracle Stillwell, Tessa Sandum and Jacob Allen.

**Not Pictured:** Erika Hubbard, Mackenzie Morse, Cordelia Coville, Michael Comar, Sophie Hall, James Hamilton and Camrynn Sanders.



"We spend hours doing research, hours arguing and hours laughing at inside jokes."

Junior Mackenzie Morse



Season in a Word:  
"Perfection."

Junior Erika Hubbard



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## Competition may be tough, but team prevails

In preparing for the competition at Harvard, the Model UN team researched for a month. Since senior Haley Schumann's role was that of Julio Paez, she had to investigate information about Cuba, Fidel Castro's reign in addition to Paez.

For this historical committee, Schumann spent days and days exploring Paez's life and what he did for her committee. Schumann said there was a lot of information out there on Paez and Castro's Cuba.

"I researched their life, what they did, and what their values were," senior Haley Schumann said.

"Julio Paez was a real, and he lived during the Cuban regime. As doctor, he follows the code of ethics, so in the committee, I had to follow the medical code of ethics," Schumann said.

Schumann went into great depth investigating her topic so that she would be as knowledgeable as possible about Paez and his life. She came fully prepared to speak and interact during the conference on the topic.

Advisor Sheila Wood said they went to the conference at Harvard with the

understanding it was going to be highly competitive. It was a big accomplishment for the team to win any award because of the number of delegates and the expertise that came from all over the world to that conference.

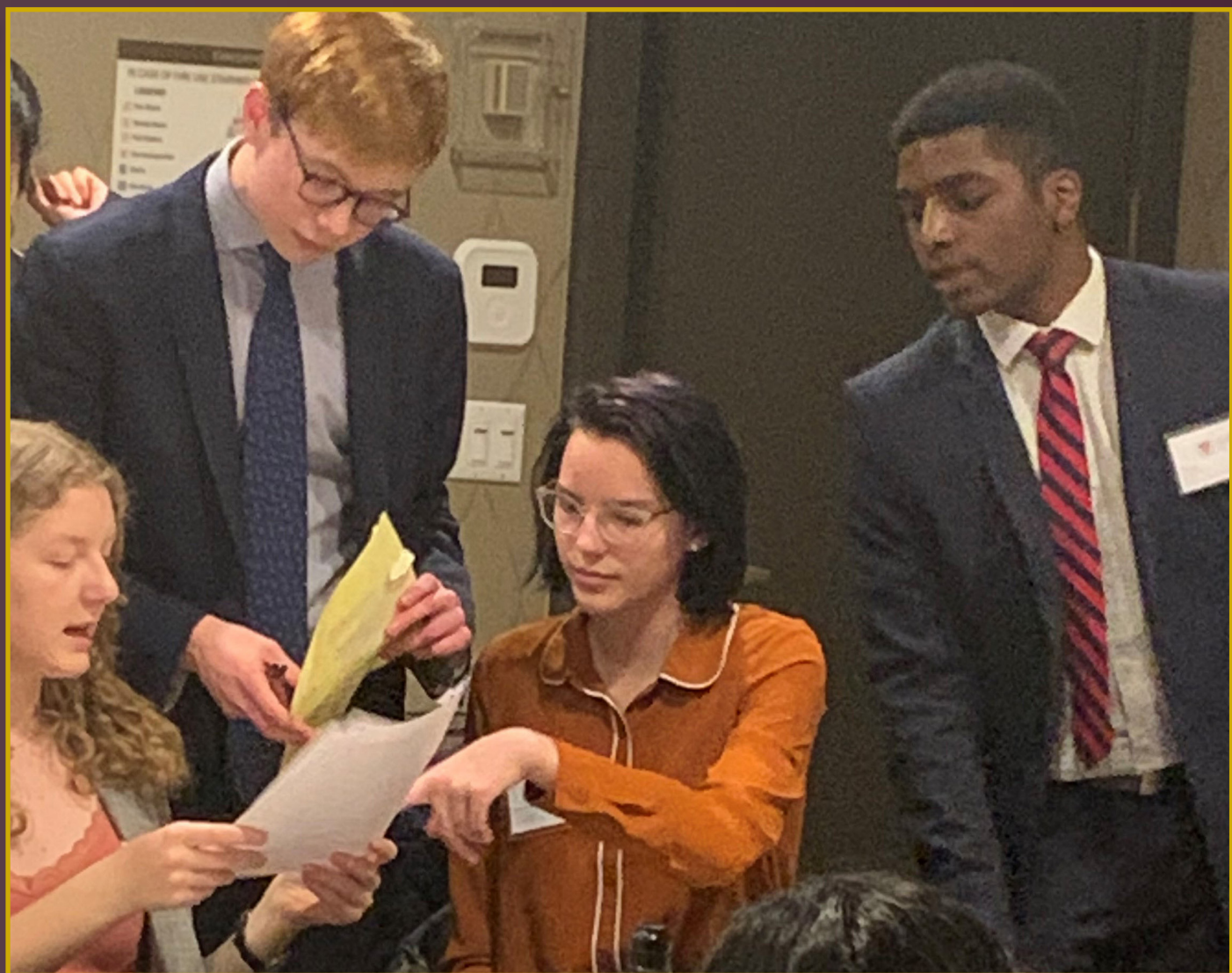
"In all likelihood they would walk away with nothing, but every single one of my delegates stepped it up and stood out, and I am really proud of them," Wood said.

Schumann received the diplomatic commendation award for "outperforming her competitors," according to Wood.

"She [Haley] knows how to lead, and she's a great strategist. That's what makes her good," Wood said.

Schumann said winning the award was a huge accomplishment because of the time and work put into winning this award.

"After pouring your heart out into something for a weekend, it's nice to know that you were recognized and that you did do well especially because Model UN makes me very competitive," Schumann said. "So it's nice to be able to be like, hey, I did this."



## Practice Improves with Strategies

Along with winning teammates sophomores Tessa Sandum and Lexis Wasick and senior Jacob Allen, sophomore Liberty Ashbaugh (1) says she gained confidence in herself to win the award for best speaker at Bloomfield High School. "My partner and I went over the speech until we didn't have any slurs or ums," she said. Her suggestions for future debate members? "Study the topic very, very well and even if you know you're going win be humble," Ashbaugh said.

On the way to competition, sophomore Lexis Wasick takes a nap with team members freshman Miracle Stillwell and Liberty Ashbaugh (2). Later Wasick explains her

strategy for speaking. "It sounds weird, but sometimes we would put pencils in our mouths in order to articulate our words better," Wasick said. "It was all just a matter of going over your speech and being able to improvise."

For junior Cordelia Coville-surrounded here by junior teammates Michael Comar, James Hamilton and Sophia Hall along with advisor Katie Barron (3)-the process of winning during a debate is motivation for future improvement. "When getting our ballots and seeing our scores and comments from the judge, I think about what I can do to improve myself from my last one," Coville said.

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