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CCA Model UN Team Receives Honorable Mention Award at National Conference

Fifth straight year team from CCA wins an award

April 3, 2019 – AURORA, Colo. – The Community College of Aurora National Model United Nations team received an honorable mention award on March 28, 2019, in New York City at the National Model United Nations Conference – the only community college in the state to receive that honor.

This is the fifth-straight year the Model UN team from CCA has received an award at the annual conference.

“We are so incredibly proud of our Model United Nations team and their faculty coaches,” CCA President Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven said. “They have shown the world that community college students can compete with the best and the brightest in higher education – and that they can do it on a global stage.”

The National Model United Nations Conference brings together more than 5,000 college students from around the world. CCA competed against nearly 200 other colleges. The conference is an educational simulation where students learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations; the students make presentations based on real-world events affecting the countries they represent.

This year, 15 CCA students participated in the conference, representing the country of North Macedonia. They were fortunate enough to have a mission briefing during the conference with Ambassador Zografka-Krsteska, Charge d' affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the UN.

The CCA students learned to collaborate on a much larger scale during the conference, said Jaylem Dourousseau, CCA's student government association president and Model UN team member.

“We learned to cross barriers and we had to leave our comfort zones to do that,” Dourousseau said. “It was definitely a lifechanging experience. I'm incredibly honored to have been part of the delegation.”

Dr. Bobby Pace, CCA's dean of academic affairs for concurrent enrollment, developed the college's Model United Nations program. In addition to Pace, CCA instructors Elizabeth Hirsh and Stephanie Walsh helped prepare the students for the conference.

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About the Community College of Aurora (CCA)

The Community College of Aurora (CCA) provides high-quality instruction and student support services to Aurora and Denver, Colorado. The college offers courses on two campuses, online and through its high school concurrent-enrollment program, helping students prepare for employment or transfer to a four-year institution. For more information, visit www.ccaurora.edu.