

Sir Winston Churchill High School

Overview of Model UN Season (2016-2017)

Before our Model UN season began this school year, we received some great news on our previous season. Churchill's Model UN team was ranked as one of the Top 12 Model UN teams in Canada by the "Best Delegate" website for our team's performance in the 2015-2016 season.

We successfully hosted our sixth iteration of our high school Model UN conference, SWCHSMUN. We had roughly 500 students participate in the conference, with most schools attending from across Alberta, with one school attending from Saskatchewan. SWCHSMUN was the first Model UN conference in the province organized and run by high school students, and it continues to grow in size and popularity.

SSUNS

A small group of 12 Model UN delegates went to SSUNS in Montreal in November 8-13, 2016. For the second year in a row, Churchill won the Best Small Delegation award, which was quite an honor. We had Tim Wu a Best Delegate award in the IAEA, a Book Award for Khalil Mulji for his work in the Queen Anne's Revenge crisis committee, and Honorable Mention awards for Laura Frankow, Kathy Li, and Emily Yu.



Back Row (L-R): Somith Das, Mitali Pradhan, Anikait Panikker, Jonah Feng, Tim Wu, Faizaan Khan.
Front Row (L-R): Jennifer Pfeil, Emily Yu, Khalil Mulji, Laura Frankow, Abdul Al-Shawwa, Kathy Li.

Westmount MUN

Churchill had the privilege of attending Westmount Charter School's inaugural Model UN conference in December. The Churchill Model UN team demonstrated its depth at this conference by nearly sweeping all of the major awards. Individual award winners included the following students winning Best Delegate in their respective committees: Chris Hoang in SPECPOL, RunLin Wang in the Council of Europe, Sunand Kannappan and Sharath Sivakumar teaming up to win Best Delegation in the UN Security Council, and Roy Z. in the Asia Cooperation Dialogue committee. Roy Z. won an additional award by winning the Secretary General's award as the best overall delegate at the conference. We had numerous Honorable Mention Award winners too, with Nick Kwan, Kathy Li taking home honors. We also had the following students win either Verbal Commendations or Most Outstanding delegate awards: Emily Yu, Phillip Zhu, Somith Das, Anikait Panniker, Emily Gubski, Arjun Mehta, and Ali Waseem. In addition to all of the individual awards, Churchill also won the Best International Delegation award for their work representing the United Kingdom, this award was shared by Chris Hoang, Sunand Kannappan, Sharath Sivakumar, and Emily Gubski.



U of C HSMUN

The Churchill Model UN team won their fourth straight city championship at the University of Calgary's HSMUN in February 2017. It was a tough competition, but Churchill MUN team members took home 13 out of the 26 individual awards. Best Delegate award winners were Geoff Hilton in GA 1 DISEC, Pranav Khosla in GA 2 ECOFIN, and the Best Delegation in the UN Security Council went to Chris Hoang and Kathy Li. Churchill won Honorable Mention in the Human Rights Council, with Amanda Leong and Nicole S. taking home the honors, and in the GA 3 SOCHUM committee Sunand Kannappan won as well. The following students won Verbal Commendation awards in their respective committees: Khalil Mulji, Anikait Pannikker, Faizaan Khan, Emily Yu, Danielle Leong and Didi Moffat, Yasemin Ahmed, Sunint Bindra and Obayd S., RunLin Wang and Ilziba Yusup. As far as delegation awards, Churchill took home Verbal Commendation for representing Ukraine. Students who represented Ukraine at U of C HSMUN included Geoff Hilton, Vish Sharma, Sharath Sivakumar, RunLin Wang, and Ilziba Yusup. Churchill took home the Best Delegation award for the fourth straight year (thus winning the city championship). For representing Uruguay so admirably in the face of adversity, Chris Hoang, Kathy Li, Tim Wu, Pranav Khosla, and Sunand Kannappan will have their names engraved in the trophy.



Western Canada HSMUN

Our Model UN season continued at Western Canada High School, where the team nearly swept all of the top awards. The following students won Best Delegate in their respective committees: Chris Ng, Sunint Bindra, RunLin Wang, Emily Yu, Tim Wu, and Elias Pinno. Honorable Mention awards were won by Abdul Al-Shawwa, Rohit Arora, Emily Chen, Kathy Li, and Khalil Mulji. Verbal Commendation awards were won by: Hanbo Yu, Somith Das, and Poojan Patel.



SOMA

Our long Model UN season finally wrapped up with our annual trip to Toronto, to compete in SOMA (the Southern Ontario Model UN Assembly). At this this conference, which attended mainly by first year Model UN participants, Churchill took home three individual awards: RunLin Wang, Samantha D., and Ali Waseem all took home Best Delegate awards in their respective committees.



We're already looking forward to next season!