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Peace Participates in Model UN

Five Queen of Peace students, seniors Sarah Malec and Victoria Williams and juniors Sonia Shahin, Dorothy Murzydlo and Michelle Maturlak, joined more than 2,000 high school students from nearly 100 schools across the country and around the world Feb. 4-7 at the Model United Nations of the University of Chicago at the Palmer House Hilton. Students from each school represented the member states of the United Nations and together grappled with the most pressing issues facing the world today, including the current global economic/food crisis, the Israeli conflict, nuclear proliferation, global warming and maternal mortality.

“Our students had the opportunity to see up close how the United Nations works. They were exposed to different cultures and ways of thinking, which can only help prepare them to be leaders for our nation and world in the future,” said Social Studies teacher and Human Rights Task Force co-moderator Joyce Cruse, who along with Judy Zitlow attended the conference.

Peace’s students attended MUNUC XXII, as the conference is known, represented the country of Armenia. They worked in their respective committees to produce mock resolutions on global issues.

“I loved being able to come together as young adults and debate real issues,” Williams said.

The conference, staffed by students and alumni from the University of Chicago, is one of the largest high school conferences in the country and widely regarded as one of the most prestigious.

Peace students jointly said they enjoyed gaining a sense of individuality and meeting students from around the world with the same interests who were working toward the same goals.

“I left the conference with friends from Beijing as well as Illinois,” Murzydlo said. “Because of the conference I also grew closer to the Peace girls. We became stronger as a community and as a school because we helped each other do our best in the committees.

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Photo caption:

Peace senior Sarah Malec (left) and juniors Dorothy Murzydlo, Michelle Maturlak and Sonia Shahin represented Armenia at the Model UN Conference on Feb. 4-7.

