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LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

Wichita State University Model United Nations team came home with eight awards, a record number, from the Midwest Model UN Conference in St. Louis where they represented Iceland, Kenya, and the Czech Republic. Award recipients included: Stacy Goss, Chris Hicks, Ceci Crosa,

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The department bids farewell to Dr. William Hoston who will be taking a job at the University of Houston, Clear Lake, this fall. The move will put him closer to family. Dr. Hoston was with the department for three years and did a remarkable job of reaching out to students and serving as a mentor. We will miss him.

Mel Kahn organized a successful Career Day event in the Department this past year, with several alumni returning to campus to share their experience with our students. Last spring, Lee Kinch, attorney, Ted Ayres, Vice President and Legal Counsel to WSU, and Mike Pompeo, President of Sentry International spoke with students regarding future career opportunities. Students enjoyed pizza and had a chance to ask questions follo

Dinorah Azpuru:

"Trends in Democracy Assistance: What has the United States Been Doing?" *Journal of Democracy* Vol 19:2 (April 2008)

"From Peace to Democratization: Lessons from Central America" in Contemporary Peacemaking: Conflict, Peace Processes, and Post-War Reconstruction (2nd ed) by MacGinty and Darby (2008).

"Guatemala 2007: Un ano de contrastes para la democracia" *Revista de Ciencia Politica* (Vol 28:1)

Michael Hall:

"Democracy and Floating Exchange Rates" *International Political Science Review* (Jan 2008).

"Testing the Hollowing-out thesis" *International Interactions* (June 2008).

Mel Kahn:

"The Game of Politics Simulation: An Exploratory Study" with Kathy Perez, *Journal of Political Science Education* (forthcoming).

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Students were very active in several different student clubs this year: the College Republicans, College Democrats, the Young Democratic Socialists, and two new clubs on campus—UNICEF at WSU, and a Pre-law club. Some of the activities sponsored by these groups included:

- A trip to DC for the Presidential Inauguration
- Meet the candidates events prior to the elections
- Annual Department picnic
- A Halloween fundraiser for children in need.
- Labor Film Festival
- Program on "How America Should Lead"
- Program on "Debt Hits Hard"
- March in support of the DREAM act
- Why Unions matter with Maria Escobar and Pat Lehman
- Voter registration drives
- Grass Roots Organizing Weekend-GROW

PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATES

The Alpha Delta Chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary Society is pleased to recognize our newest initiates: Cecelia Crosa, Jonathan Eshnaur, Todd Maddox, Larry Marczynski, Carly Miller, Katherine Paige, Morgan Rabon, Spencer Ward. Congratulations to these newest members. Our thanks to an alumna who called our attention to an error in the newsletter last year regarding the founding date of the chapter. After checking with the home office, we discovered that the WSU chapter was founded in 1938 and now has over 500 members.
