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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University Student Senate and the Office of the Provost will sponsor a student trip to the Midwest Model United Nations (MMUN) conference in St. Louis from Feb. 21 through Feb. 24 to represent the countries of South Korea and Spain.

The conference, which has been in existence since 1960 and is governed by MMUN, Inc., is a "venture in practical education," intended to further students' knowledge, awareness and understanding of world issues through a simulation of the United Nations.

Two teams of students, one representing South Korea and one representing Spain, will attend the conference. Senior Patrick Beary, a international studies major from New Lenox, Ill., will lead one team of delegates, while senior Marissa Holloway, a science and European studies double major from Naples, Fla., will lead the other. Other IWU students attending the conference will be chosen based on position papers they submit to Diego Mendez-Carbajo, assistant professor of economics and faculty sponsor of the trip.

After being selected, the students will be assigned to the General Assembly or the Economic and Social Council and split into committees based on their interests and strengths. The committees included in the General Assembly will be Disarmament and International Security; Economic and Financial; Social, Humanitarian and Cultural and Special Political and Decolonization. Topics that will be addressed by the subcommittees of the General Assembly include measures to prevent the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by terrorist organizations, international migration and development, implementation of human rights institutions and measures to eliminate terrorism.

The committees included in the Economic and Social Council will be, namely, the Economic and Social Council and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The topics they will address include international action against money laundering and corruption, natural disaster preparedness and reduction, international action to combat national and transnational organized crime and combating international trafficking and illicit drugs.

For additional information, contact the IWU Model United Nations at iwumun@gmail.com.

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