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MCCPTA Hosts Successful Model United Nations Event for High School Students

The Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) recently held its first Model United Nations event at the Carver Educational Services Center in Rockville, Maryland.

A "Model United Nations" event is based on the operation and principles of the real UN, and affords students an opportunity to study and discuss global problems while adding their unique views as young people that will see much more of the future in their own lifetime.

Student Delegates representing over 75 countries attended from five Montgomery County High Schools: Clarksburg, Paint Branch, Quince Orchard, Sherwood, and Poolesville High students. Student delegates debated global problems including the projected crisis in food prices due to the growth in energy bio-fuels, UN assistance to elections in Egypt and Libya, and the Syrian political crisis. Delegates met in committees for 2 hours before assembling in the auditorium for a "General Assembly" session to debate committee resolutions. Opening remarks for the General Assembly session were provided by Mr. Andrew Yarrow, who spoke about his experiences working for UNICEF and the World Bank. After the Student Delegates voted on their Committee developed recommendations and motions, MCCPTA hosted them to an informal reception and dinner. This was the first of several initiatives by MCCPTA this year to broaden its support to students and families in Montgomery County. The parents, teachers, and students all gave the event high marks and had a great time.



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