

# LONG TRAIL SCHOOL founded 1975

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## LONG TRAIL SCHOOL WINS 4 AWARDS AT MODEL UN CONFERENCE

Dorset--Eleven students from Long Trail School traveled to Montreal, Quebec on November 6 to participate in The Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium (SSUNS). This three day symposium is Canada's premier high school conference, bringing together over 1000 students from around the globe. In the school's fifth year of participation, its students represented the countries of Germany, India and Indonesia.



Braxton James presents at the Model UN conference.

Long Trail's delegation brought home four awards from this event. Senior Braxton James won the Nellie McClung Best Delegate Award for Advocacy. Fellow senior Marah Bragdon received the Lester B. Pearson Best Delegate Award for Peacekeeping. Junior Oren Cook was awarded the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Best Delegate Award for Diplomatic Finesse. Additionally, the Long Trail School delegation won the Best Small School Delegation Award, for schools with enrollment under 400. In addition to the students who received individual awards, the delegation included Elena Loveday, Robin Rainwalker, Dylan Pilcher, Cerridwen Moser-Bertsche, Corey Olsen, Wylie Caras, Grace Insogna, and Matt Rosenthal. Sean Sonderman teaches Model UN as a semester offering in social studies for juniors and seniors. He commented that "this was one of the most solid groups I've ever taken to a Model UN conference, as evidenced in the number of delegate awards received."

The theme for SSUNS 2008, Envisioning a Sustainable Society, provided opportunities for discussion and reflection about the steps that can be taken to coexist in the best possible world. Sustainability, however, is not limited to the environmental aspects with which it is so frequently paired. The quest for human sustainability requires economic stability, gender equality, tolerance, respect and an understanding of history in order to navigate through the difficult problems that challenge society

today. These ideas were part of the underpinning of the students' work at this year's conference.