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Southland College Prep Charter High School juniors, accompanied by Beverly residents Sarah Berkey and Sherry Grutzius, served as delegates to the 28th annual Model UN Conference at the University of Michigan recently. During the conference the Southland juniors represented the UN delegations of Pakistan, Hungary, Madagascar and Kazakhstan.

Students part of Model UN event

Beverly residents who are members of the Southland College Prep Charter High School faculty, Sarah Berkey, social studies teacher, and Sherry Grutzius, English teacher, recently accompanied members of the school's junior class to the Mock UN Conference at the

University of Michigan.

The group of 23 social studies Southland College Prep juniors were joined by more than 500 high school students from the Midwest.

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ascar and Kazakhstan.

The three-day conference, managed entirely by University of Michigan student volunteers, is designed to help high school students experience, negotiate and learn about real and current international issues. During the
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conference, the Southland delegates worked with other high school students from all across the Midwest to frame, discuss and adopt resolutions that addressed real world issues on behalf of the countries they represented.

"If Southland College Prep is to prepare its students to be global learners and eventually global competitors, we first must provide some real experiences. With the unprecedented rapid pace of globalization and the com-

plexities of international politics, this annual trip to the Model UN Conference is a superb opportunity to put classroom learning and interactions to the test on a much larger stage," said Dr. Blondean Davis, Southland's CEO.

"Our students had to prepare well beforehand. They researched their delegation's stance on key issues and were prepared to defend those positions. They also had to have a good grasp of parliamentary procedure and understand how best to work in a group to reach consensus and resolve issues," said Berkey.