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Mock Negotiations at USM Teach High School Students about Sudan's Darfur Conflict

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday April 22, 2008

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— More than 100 students from eight area high schools will participate in mock negotiations to bring peace to the Darfur region of Sudan. The negotiations are the focus of the Second Annual High School Human Rights Conference at the University of Saint Mary, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 4100 South 4th Street in Leavenworth, Kan.

The USM Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute is sponsoring the conference. USM Students from the Advanced International Peace Building course, taught by Natalya Reigg, Professor of Political Science and Global Studies, will facilitate the conflict resolution exercises. The USM students will also give a presentation on Darfur at 7 p.m. the preceding Thursday, April 17.

High School students will be educated about the conflict and each will represent and interested party in negotiations regarding the Darfur conflict, which traces its origins back more than 100 years in Sudan, a West African country.

The eight high schools participating are Atchison, Bishop LeBlonde, Cristo Rey, Immaculata, Lansing, Leavenworth, Pleasant Ridge and St. Pius X.

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