

## Michigan United Nations Association



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### POSSIBLE WINNER IN NAME-THE-AMBASSADOR CONTEST

On November 22, the contest was announced by Division email. On November 25, a Lansing high school student submitted Susan Rice as the next USA UN Ambassador. The student was the only entrant to name her. On December 1, President-Elect Obama nominated Susan Rice.

UNA-USA applauded the nomination, but the nominee must survive Senate hearings and a confirmation vote. If she makes it, she gets the job, and the yet unnamed contestant gets \$50 and a one-year membership in UNA-USA. If Susan Rice doesn't make it, the contest goes on, until President Obama nominates someone acceptable to the Senate.

### ANOTHER CONTEST

Think she will make it, and the contest is over? Then how about another contest?

Name this monthly newsletter and see your winning title on our monthly newsletters during 2009 and beyond. Better yet, see your winning title prominently displayed in the forthcoming new and improved Michigan UNA website.

### GLOBAL EDUCATION IN MICHIGAN

Improving, expanding K-12 Global Education is an objective of Michigan UNA. Much is happening in Michigan. Projects range from Halloween boxes that collect money for UNICEF on up to substantial Model UN Programs that take well prepared students to events in nearby and far away places. What's been happening in your area? What could be happening? Before the year ends I provide a report of an impressive 2008 project of an impressive Michigan Model UN Club. With committed students and advisors, anything is possible. Best wishes during a troubled but hopeful 2009 Lyndon Babcock, President, Michigan UNA

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## MOTOR CITY MODEL UN TRAVELS TO CAPETOWN SOUTH AFRICA

Detroit, Michigan, August 1, 2008 – Students from EcoTek, the science arm of the Motor City Model UN, traveled to Cape Town, South Africa this summer (June 20-30) to participate in the 2008 GLOBE Learning Expedition. The group consisted of six students: Keith Young Jr, Amber Young, Briana Young, Tori Farrow, Mosheh Williams and Emmanuel Thomas Jefferson, along with three parent liaisons: Keith Young Sr, Vernon Williams, and Winston Farrow.

The conference was sponsored by GLOBE, NASA and several of its international partners. It was attended by over 500 students from 51 different countries. The students from EcoTek presented their research on how brownfields contributed to climate change. They also participated in water chemistry experiments at the Cape of Good Hope (point where the Indian and Atlantic Ocean's meet). They also visited the Edith Wetlands where they learned how climate change is impacting the wetlands and plant life on the African continent.

Prior to traveling to Africa the students built a weather station at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo to study the local weather patterns and performed a number of water, soil and air quality experiments. With the assistance of the City of Detroit's Environmental Affairs Office, the students also attended the 2008 Brownfield Conference where they met with environmentalist from across the country to discuss their research findings.

According to Mr. Keith Young, the founder and executive advisor of the Motor City Model UN, the trip to Africa was not only a opportunity for the students to learn about climate change on a global scale, it was a chance for them to gain an appreciation for their African heritage.

Support for the group's trip was provided by the UAW-Region 1A, D2 Abatement, Detroit Edison PSA, and Integrity Solution, LLC.

### About the Motor City Model UN

The Motor City Model UN is a 501c3 not for profit organization that provide opportunities for youth in Metro Detroit to learn about the policies and operations of the United Nations. It is the only youth city-Model UN in Southeastern Michigan.

### About EcoTek

EcoTek is the science arm of the Motor City Model UN that is designed to

provide youth in Metro Detroit with opportunities to participate in global science research projects to help them better understand the “science” behind the policies of the United Nations. Contact: Keith Young, Executive Advisor 313-399-7893 [keiyoung@motorcitymodelun.com](mailto:keiyoung@motorcitymodelun.com)

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