UM seniors Bailey Durnell and Carly Chapdelaine served as secretaries general at the 53rd Annual Montana Model UN High School Conference. From left to right are UM students Taylor Rost, Taylor Gregory, Bailey Durnell, Carly Chapdelaine, Cara Grewell, and Colin Milton.

High school students representing China, the Czech Republic, and United States listened during Prof. Eva Maggi’s welcome.
UM President Seth Bodnar welcomed high school delegates and teachers to UM.

Professor Anna Conley, an expert on international law, gave the keynote address.
The conference was attended by 312 students from 21 Montana and Idaho high schools.

President Bodnar and Professor Conley answered questions about international cooperation and the role of the US in the world.
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The conference was staffed by students in Prof. Maggi’s Political Science 337/Model UN service-learning class (seated at right).

Each committee had a faculty guest speaker. Here, Prof. Maggi discusses cyber power with students in the General Assembly First Committee, which drafted, debated, and passed resolutions on security and disarmament.
On Monday night, students played an international trivia game with Political Science Professor Abhishek Chatterjee.

At the closing ceremony on Tuesday, individual students, country teams, and schools received awards.
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A student reads his medal.

The 53rd Annual Montana Model UN staff after the awards ceremony, enjoying their accomplishment!