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Skyline College International Student Selected to Represent Home Country at Global Model United Nations Conference

San Bruno, California – June 10, 2018: Skyline College international student Franck Yao from Côte d'Ivoire was selected to participate in the "Future We Want Model United Nations: A Global Initiative for Young Leaders" (FWWMUN) Conference on March 2018 in Manhattan, New York at the United Nations. He was one of 2000 delegates from 110 countries attending this prestigious conference. The program is an initiative by the United Nations to promote youth involvement in dealing with global issues and to encourage young people to take responsibility for their communities.

Yao is currently studying Business Administration at Skyline College. While in high school, Yao led a social campaign to advocate for global warming that led to the development of fourteen tourism and climate change clubs all over Abidjan, the economic capital of Cote d'Ivoire. After graduation from high school Yao visited the U.S. Embassy in Abidjan and became part of the Competitive College Club, a cohort advising program organized by EducationUSA which supports talented yet disadvantaged students by informing them and helping them to develop the skills and they need to compete for admissions and scholarships at U.S. colleges and universities. It was at a college fair organized by EducationUSA that Yao learned about Skyline College.

"Being selected as one of the United Nations youth ambassadors is a dream come true and this would never have happened without the support of Skyline College," said Yao. "Being an international student here gives me the opportunity every day to benefit and take advantage of powerful resources that empower and help me develop strong leadership skills."

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“We are immensely proud of Franck’s accomplishment,” said Wissem Bennani, Ph.D., Program Manager for International Students. “This conference is an opportunity for Franck to demonstrate his intelligence and entrepreneurial spirit while representing his country and Skyline College.”

More About World Federation of Model United Nations Associations

The World Federation of Model United Nations Associations (WFMUNA) was established to unite all major Model United Nations associations and clubs worldwide with the aim of creating a platform for knowledge sharing and coordination. A passionate guardian of UN principles, WFMUNA commits to supervising quality in MUN conferences globally, to monitoring the conduct and ethics of MUN organizations, and to making Model United Nations programs more accessible for all.

As a Global NGO committed to educating youth through Model United Nations programs and conferences, WFMUNA seeks to bring together future generations of leaders from all corners of the globe to gain first-hand experience in international relations, to produce high quality resolutions aimed at empowering future leaders to bring about the “Future We Want,” and to submit these resolutions to relevant UN agencies and world leaders for consideration.

Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 16,000 students annually, offering 100 Associate Degree and Certificate programs. Located on a 111-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Skyline College has offered world-class educational opportunities to residents from North San Mateo County and beyond since 1969. Part of the San Mateo Community College District, Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

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