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Every year a team of students from the SABIS[®] International Charter School in Springfield, Massachusetts, prepares to compete in the annual Model Congress competition. And every year their hard work pays off. This year, for the fifth consecutive year, the SICS Model Congress team took home the Outstanding Delegation Award.

Model Congress is a simulation of the United States Congress and draws teams from schools across the U.S. This year's event, the 74th Model Congress, took place at the American International College (AIC) in Springfield, Massachusetts, from January 9 to 11, 2014, and engaged teams to act as legislators to write, amend, debate, and vote on bills, some of which resemble the ones currently before the U.S. Congress.

In preparation for the annual competition, 18 SICS students in grades 9-12 put in several weeks of research, practice, and preparation. They reviewed parliamentary procedures, honed their debating skills, and drafted legislation. The SICS team's effort paid off as they won the award for Outstanding Delegation and took home four additional awards and scholarships. Kathryn Mauke, an SICS junior, won 2nd place and received a four-year, half-tuition scholarship to AIC, and three other SICS students on the team received honorable mention awards.



SICS Delegation at the Model Congress in Springfield, Massachusetts

SICS is a member of the global SABIS[®] School Network. Like all member schools, SICS implements the SABIS[®] Educational System, a comprehensive educational program that gives students a solid foundation of knowledge, essential life skills, and an edge for the future.

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