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Lafayette Native Victorious in International Moot Court

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Chancellor Michael Farris of Patrick Henry College coaches Lafayette native Helaina Hirsch in the Nelson Mandela World Human rights Moot Court Competition. Photo provided Lafayette's Helaina Hirsch helped her school, Patrick Henry College, win the eighth Annual Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition on July 20in Geneva, Switzerland - a leading human rights educational event.

The final round of the competition, sponsored by the Centre for Human Rights, of the University of Pretoria, South Africa, was held in the UN Human Rights Council Chambers. Michael Farris, Chancellor of Patrick Henry College, coached the team of rising juniors, William Bock and Hirsch, to victory. PHC has won multiple national championships in undergraduate moot court competition, but this tournament was unique for the school in that it was a world tournament and all other universities and colleges were represented by law students. The only other American university to qualify for the tournament was Yale Law School.

The two students competed against 24 other law school teams. Only five schools can come from

each region. PHC is a part of the region that includes all of North America, Australia, and Western Europe. In the finals, PHC's undergrads beat a team of law students from Moi University in Kenya.

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