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H-F STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 10th ANNUAL ILLINOIS' CAPITOL FORUM ON AMERICA'S FUTURE

Flossmoor, IL, March 24th, 2009 – Five students from Homewood-Flossmoor High School participated in the 10th Annual Illinois Capitol Forum on Thursday, March 12th, and Friday, March 13th, in Springfield. Students Melanie Bagnola, Allison Pierzchalski, Robert Beuck, Ben Koltun, and Seth Markus, along with International Relations Teachers Scott Aronson and Emmanuel Allie, joined over 100 students from across Illinois to debate future U.S. foreign policy.

This was H-F's 7th year attending the Forum. Thursday night students engaged in large group discussions centered on global challenges facing the U.S. including immigration, environment, trade, nuclear proliferation and genocide. Friday students were divided up into future policy options the U.S. will be considering in the years to come and engaged in simulated role-play debate on the floor of the House Chamber in the Capitol.

The Capitol Forum, a program sponsored by the McCormick Foundation, Illinois Humanities Council, and the Secretary of State Jesse White, is a chance for some of the most politically-minded young adults in Illinois to develop and articulate an understanding of international relations and foreign policy.

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