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The World Affairs Council of Western Michigan is hosting President George W Bush for a policy address on the War on Terror at 1:00 PM EDT, Friday, April 20th in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

### New Chairman's Circle Event

The World Affairs Councils of America is pleased to offer a special event for our Chairman's Circle members in New York City on May 7 and 8. Members will be meeting with the Serbian Ambassador to the United Nations, Black Rock Financial, and Frank Wisner II, an American businessman and former diplomat who is currently Vice Chairman of American International Group.

To participate in these events you must be a member of the Chairman's Circle. The membership fee is \$1000 per individual per year and will include admission and special seating at the 2008 Chairman's Dinner on February 6, 2008.

If you are interested in more information or joining the Chairman's Circle, please contact our office at [waca@worldaffairsCouncils.org](mailto:waca@worldaffairsCouncils.org) or by calling 202-833-4557.

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## 2007 Academic World Quest Winners

Congratulations to Daniel Hand High School sponsored by the World Affairs Forum on winning Academic WorldQuest 2007! The team of students from Daniel Hand High School in Madison, CT took 1st place at the national Academic WorldQuest competition in Washington, DC on Saturday March 24. The team was sponsored by the World Affairs Forum in Stamford, Connecticut.



44 teams from around the council system competed in this year's competition. Questions this year dealt with international trade, the geography of Africa, the Arab - Israeli conflict, countries, and current events.

Hellgate High School sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Montana finished in second place, St. Andrew's High School sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Florida Palm Beaches finished in third place, Raleigh Charter High School sponsored by the International Affairs Council finished in fourth, and after a tense tiebreaker round, Charter school of Wilmington sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Wilmington finished in fifth place.

2007 is the first year all teams competed in a local competition in order to qualify for the national competition. It is also the first year winners received cash prizes generously donated by Michael Maibach and The Maibach Foundation.

## 2008 National Conference

[February 7-8, 2008](#)

The 2008 National Conference will take place in Washington, DC February 7-8, 2008 at the JW Marriott Hotel and include an event at the National Press Club.

On February 6, 2008 we will host a full day staff workshop. The 2008 Chairman's Dinner will also take place the evening of February 6, 2008.

The conference will focus on Foreign Policy and the

Presidency.

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