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## **Hawthorne Hotel Employee Selected for International Conference**

Jessica Herrick, a front desk clerk at the historic Hawthorne Hotel, has been chosen to attend an international conference on youth, identity, and nation-building in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste this month.

Herrick and another student were the only Americans chosen out of 43 applicants and she is one of the youngest delegates attending. She is a senior at Salem State College majoring in Social Work and Psychology and minoring in Urban Studies.

Jess has been with the Hawthorne Hotel for over a year and was the September Part-Time Employee of the Month! She volunteers throughout New England in the areas of housing policy and advocacy of children, the elderly, families, and the disabled.

Ms. Herrick and April Rachel will be meeting, along with the other conference attendees, with the country's youth in the capital city of Dili to discuss "nation building, leadership, the economy, and how these young Timorese can work together to ensure a stable future for their country" according to Salem State College's College Relations Office.

The conference is November 12-15, 2008.

*The Hawthorne Hotel was built by the residents of Salem in 1925. Over one thousand people in the area purchased stock in order to create a "modern" hotel. Now, designated a "Historic Hotel of America," the Hawthorne provides every amenity a "modern" traveler could desire and continues to welcome thousands of visitors every year. The hotel is 15 miles north of Boston and easily accessible from many major routes.*

*Historic Hotels of America is a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Historic Hotels has identified 191 hotels that have faithfully maintained their historic integrity, architecture and ambiance. To be selected for this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old, listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or recognized as having historic significance.*