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Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage Announces Mock Trial Winners

Mainland Regional High School, competing in the finals against Atlantic County Institute of Technology, won this year's Atlantic County Mock Trial Competition on Jan. 29. Middle Township High School, competing in the finals against Wildwood Catholic High School won the Cape May County Mock Trial Competition on Jan. 22. Both winning teams will progress to the regional competition.

This year's mock trial case is about a school trip that went awry, causing one student to be seriously injured.

Participating Atlantic County schools were Absegami High School, Egg Harbor Township High School, Hammonton High School, Holy Spirit High School, St. Joseph's High School, Oakcrest High School, and Cedar Creek High School. In Cape May County, Cape May County Technical High School and Lower Cape May Regional High School participated.

Participating judges included Superior Court Judges Bernard E. DeLury Jr., Mark H. Sandson, James P. Savio, Joseph E. Kane, Jeffery D. Light, Michael J. Blee, Jeffrey J. Waldman, John Porto, John R. Rauh, and retired Judges Steven P. Perskie, James Isman, and L. Anthony Gibson. Municipal Court Judges H. Robert Switzer, Carol N. Goloff, Elaine Frick, and John H. Rosenberger also participated.

The competitions were held at the Atlantic County Criminal Courts Complex in Mays Landing, the Atlantic County Civil Courts Building in Atlantic City, and the Cape May County Courthouse.

"The judges and bar look forward to this competition each year. The students are amazing in their dedication, professionalism and extensive preparedness," Assignment Judge Julio L. Mendez said. "It is our hope that this program will inspire our youth to consider a career in criminal justice."

The county mock trial competitions are sponsored by local county bar associations. County winners are eligible to compete in the Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition, which is sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation.

The regional rounds are scheduled for Feb. 25, followed by semifinals March 19 and finals March 25 at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick. The state winner will progress to the national competition in Raleigh, N.C. in May.

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