

Dobson High School Wins U.S. Constitution Competition

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January 9, 2002 (PHOENIX) - Students from Mesa's Dobson High School will represent Arizona in the national "We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution" competition, in which students demonstrate their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. Under the guidance of teacher Abby Dupke, the class took top honors at the state competition on Monday. The "We The People" program is sponsored and administered by the Arizona Bar Foundation.

Students from eight Arizona high schools prepared for the state competition by studying the U.S. Constitution and becoming well versed on its historical and contemporary components. During simulated congressional hearings, students answered complex questions about the Constitution and were judged on understanding, constitutional application, reasoning, supporting evidence, responsiveness and participation.

Tempe's Corona Del Sol High School, last year's state winner, finished second, and Hamilton High School from Chandler finished third.

Schools also earned unit honors during the competition. The unit winners were: Unit 1 - Hamilton High School; Unit 2 - Mountain Ridge High School (Green team); Unit 3 - Prescott High School, Unit 4 - Mountain Ridge High School (Burgundy team); Unit 5 - Desert View High School and Unit 6 - Rio Rico High School.

"Each year I am amazed at the knowledge and composure demonstrated by all the students," said Debbie Shayo, state coordinator of the We The People program. "They take the Constitution to heart and learn to apply its historical and philosophical principles to current day situations."

The Dobson High School class will travel to Washington, D.C. on May 4-6 to compete in the national competition against 49 other classes. Members of the winning class are: Brianne Kiley, Ashley Wearly, Jeff Yost, Nicole Best, Ashley Emmons, Jordan Pendergrass, Jake Seybert, Adam Cronenberg, Tammy Ho, Ashley Rogers, Diana Capozzi, Candice Howden, Deborah Hsieh, Katherine Jennings, Amanda Keim, Jimmy Martinez, Jr., Dean Anderson, Adam Ekbom and Hiral Shah.

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