

Arizona High School Mock Trial State Tournament Results Announced

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Arizona State High School Mock Trial Champion:

Xavier College Prep.*

Advances to the National High School Mock Trial Tournament in Oklahoma City May 11-13, 2006

First Place team from Xavier High School received a \$1,000 scholarship to defray travel expenses to the national tournament from VoiceWriters of America, a Phoenix-based court reporting and transcription school.

Top Arizona High School Mock Trial Teams:

2nd Place - University High School

3rd Place - Xavier College Prep.*

4th Place - Arizona School for the Arts

**Xavier had 3 teams advance to the State Tournament, and two of their teams placed in the top four.*

15 teams participated in the day's competition:**

- Yuma Catholic High School - Yuma - Steve DeDecker
- Lake Havasu High School - Lake Havasu City - Bill Young
- Mountain Ridge - Glendale - Tammy Waller
- Xavier College Prep. – 3 teams - Phoenix - John Cosden
- Chaparral High School - Scottsdale - Jill Herman
- Brophy College Prep. - Phoenix - Lloyd Daggett
- Sahuaro High School - Tucson - Lisa Jones
- University High School – 2 teams - Tucson - Patrick McAndrew
- Northland Prep. Academy - Flagstaff - Kristen Waitz
- Arizona School for the Arts - Phoenix - Marc Crowley
- St. Gregory College Prep. - Tucson - Linda Mount
- Bradshaw Mountain High School - Prescott Valley - Darla Johnson

**** Miami High School was a regional champion, but was unable to participate in today's tournament.**

Scholarship Students - presented by the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel

\$500 - Rachel Friedman - Xavier College Prep.

\$300 - Caitlin Simonson - Sahuaro High School (Tucson)

\$200 - Niketa Patel - Xavier College Prep.

Arizona All State Mock Trial Team - selected by judges as outstanding individual performers

Cynthia Louis - Mountain Ridge High School

Adam Bloch – Chaparral High School

Molly Schiffer – Arizona School for the Arts

J.R. Hancock – Brophy College Prep.

Andrew Brandon – University High School

Reena Idnani – Xavier College Prep.

About Arizona's High School Mock Trial Program

Currently in its 23rd year, the program offers students in grades 9 - 12 an opportunity to gain a first-hand view of our legal system by participating in a simulated trial. Through a partnership between the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education and the Young Lawyers of Arizona, teams work closely with practicing attorneys as the students prepare for the tournament.

Teams consist of six to eight students and a fictional case is released in November (download at www.azflse.org/mocktrial). Each team must learn both sides of the case and students must play the roles of both attorney and witness at trial. Regional tournament winners compete in the annual State Tournament held at the Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Courthouse in Phoenix. The winner of the State Tournament competes at the National Tournament which will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 11-13, 2006.

In addition to giving students a better understanding of the legal system, the Arizona High School Mock Trial Program increases awareness of the importance of law in our democratic society, strengthens understanding of fundamental rights under the U.S. Constitution and promotes increased confidence, poise, oral skills, and critical thinking skills

For additional information about the program, please visit the helpful websites below.

Helpful Websites:

- Arizona High School Mock Trial Program: <http://www.azflse.org/MockTrial>
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education: <http://www.azflse.org>
- State Bar of Arizona Young Lawyers Division:
<http://www.myazbar.org/SecComm/Sections/YL/>
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel: <http://www.azadc.org/>
- VoiceWriters of America: <http://www.voicewriters.us>