

UpFront

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Ann Arbor Community High School Wins Mock Trial Tournament

Ann Arbor Community High School claimed victory over University of Detroit Jesuit High School in a close contest at the 2015 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament on March 28 at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse in Lansing. The Ann Arbor team advances to the national championship on May 14–16 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The tournament, run by the Michigan Center for Civic Education, consisted of four regional rounds in Washtenaw, Kent, Macomb, and Oakland counties. The top 10 teams moved on to the state championship, where they were evaluated by presiding judge Hon. Carl Marlinga and scoring judges Steve Fox and Kandra Robbins.

Grand Blanc High School took third place and the Ann Arbor Community High School B team took fourth place. Anchor Bay High School, Clarkston High School, Cousino High School, Forest Hills Northern High School, Mercy High School, and St. Mary's Catholic Central High School also competed in



Photo by Tammy Allen

Ann Arbor Community High School students and supporters celebrate their Michigan High School Mock Trial win. View a complete photo gallery at facebook.com/sbm.news.

the state finals. Three of the teams were first-time finalists.

The Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament is sponsored by the State Bar of

Michigan, Oakland County Bar Foundation, and the State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section. The Macomb County Bar Foundation coordinated the Macomb regional tournament. ■

Flint High School Student Named Judge Marable Student of the Year

Makala Allen, an 11th grade honor roll student at Flint Northwestern High School, was named District Judge Herman Marable Student of the Year for 2014–2015. Allen was honored with a \$500 award, trophy, and certificate and her name has been engraved

on a plaque on permanent display at the 68th District Courthouse.

Allen was one of 10 monthly winners chosen by Marable and his Citizens Advisory Committee on the basis of essays detailing their

career goals. Monthly honorees receive a \$75 prize, trophy, and certificate. Marable established the program in 2004 to encourage Genesee County high school students to focus on academic achievement and career goals.

Allen would like to study criminal justice and serve in the National Guard. Her extracurricular activities include serving on the student council, captaining the cheerleading squad, participating on her school's volleyball team, and running cross-country and track. ■