



Seneca Valley School District

Press Release

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<photo attached. Pictured front row L-R: Kacy Christensen, Sydney Kratsas, Leo Slacker, Julia Acker, Lilly Hudac, Julia Gibilisco and Calleigh Foulkrod

Pictured back row L-R: Friyana Sepai, Dimitri Matusiak, Jacob Hensler, Nick Porter, Elle Barnes and Ben Carnino.

Not pictured: Parker Spence, Annika Batavia, Natalia Verdi and Isabelle Patinski.>

SENECA VALLEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM WINS DISTRICTS

JACKSON TWP., PA (Feb. 20, 2024) Seneca Valley's Mock Trial team continues to raise the bar with a first-place finish at their recent District competition. A total of 11 teams from across the area competed at the Butler County Court House earlier this month in a series of mock trials. Seneca Valley went undefeated, ultimately advancing them to regionals which will be held at the Beaver County Courthouse.

The SV Mock Trial Team is comprised of students in grades 9-12 in the gifted program and is advised by Ms. Briana Nassan, Intermediate High School gifted support teacher.

"It is exciting to watch this group of students continue to exceed any and all expectations," said Ms. Nassan. "Their thirst for learning and academic growth is inspiring. Beyond mere victories, our journey highlights the dedication to mastering legal skills, fostering camaraderie, and embracing the challenges of the courtroom. I am immensely proud of this team's achievement and their passion as potential aspiring legal enthusiasts."

Members of the SV Mock Trial Team include Kacy Christensen, Sydney Kratsas, Leo Slacker, Julia Acker, Lilly Hudac, Julia Gibilisco, Calleigh Foulkrod, Friyana Sepai, Dimitri Matusiak, Jacob Hensler, Nick Porter, Elle Barnes, Ben Carnino, Parker Spence, Annika Batavia, Natalia Verdi and Isabelle Patinski

This is the second time in school history (last year being the first) that the Seneca Valley Mock Trial team has won Districts. If they win their trial at regionals, it will advance them to the state competition.