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Around Town



The 2011 Mock Trial Competition Nassau County team participants included, from left, back row, Laura Coggin, Kyle Gelement, Zoe Stein, Judge Robert E. Williams, Ali Elwell, Amanda Middleton, Kadishja Jackson, Harrison Poole, Savanna Edwards, Emma Priest, Meranda Berke, Megan Gelement, Shelbie Miller, Griffin Young, and Chris Clayton. Front are Daniel Hickey and Jasmine Duke.
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Students win awards at mock trial competition

The Eighth Annual Fourth Judicial Circuit Mock Trial Competition was held on Feb. 25 in Clay County. Nassau County Teen Court students competed against teams from Duval, Clay and Flagler counties. Sixty students filled the roles in four courtrooms and acted as attorneys, witnesses and court officers for the daylong event.

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Fourteen Nassau students from area schools comprised a formidable team of attorneys and witnesses. Nassau County team members were:

Prosecuting Attorneys: Amanda Middleton, Emma Priest, Savanna Edwards

Defense Attorneys: Zoe Stein, Megan Gelement, Griffin Young

Prosecution witnesses: Ali Elwell, Kadishja Jackson, Kyle Gelement and Jasmine Duke

Defense witnesses: Daniel Hickey, Shelbie Miller, Noah Bogosh, and Meranda Berke

The presiding judges were: The Hon. Robert M. Foster, The Hon. Brian J. Davis, The Hon. Roberto Arias, and The Hon. Angela Cox.

Scoring judges from Nassau County were: Wesley White, director, Nassau County State Attorney's Office; Ross Germano, Esq.; and Shannon Shaw, Esq.

Team coaches were: The Hon. Robert E. Williams; Laura Coggin, Nassau County State Attorney's Office; Chris Clayton, Nassau County Public Defender's Office; Harrison Poole, Esq.; John J. Cascone, Esq.; and Charles H. Griffin, Nassau County Teen Court coordinator.

Nassau County received the following team awards:

Best Prosecution Team

Second place for Best Overall Team

Nassau County students received the following individual awards:

Megan Gelement - Fourth place Defense Attorney Award

Ali Elwell - Best Overall Witness Award and first place Prosecution Witness Award

Kadishja Jackson - Second place Prosecution Witness

Kyle Gelement - Third place Prosecution Witness

Jasmine Duke - Fourth place Prosecution Witness

Organizers are very proud of each student for outstanding participation and representation of Nassau County.

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