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Utah Mock Trials

Utah Law Related Education sponsors the mock trial competition which is open to all secondary schools in the state. Teams of up to 11 students argue a case, once as the plaintiff/prosecution and once as the defense. Teachers interested in sponsoring a team should contact the Utah LRE office at lre@icw.com.

We are so grateful to the hundreds of supporters who coached and judged the mock trial teams competing in the 2012 Mock Trial Program. Seventy-four teams competed in ninety-six playoff, quarter-final, semi-final, and championship mock trials. Most of these trials, lasting 3+ hours, were judged by a panel of two attorneys and one community representative. Together, more than 3,000 hours were donated.

The 2012 High School Championship teams were Woods Cross High School, 1st place, and West High School, 2nd place. St. John the Baptist Junior High School placed 1st in the Junior High Division, with Kaysville Junior 2nd.



Woods Cross High School Mock Trial Championship Team at Law Day Luncheon

The 2013 Mock Trial Competition will begin February 19 and end March 22, 2013. The Mock Trial teacher meeting and Attorney CLE training will be January 23, 2013, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, in Salt Lake City. The team registration form will be e-mailed to teachers in mid-October or may be downloaded in mid-October at Utah Law Related Education's website: www.lawrelatededucation.org.

The *2013 Mock Trial Handbook* may be downloaded on January 24, 2013. Other mock trial cases and scripted mock trials also may be downloaded at this site.



2012 ACETA Awards Honor Utah's Richard Ochoa

Alta High School's Richard Ochoa received the 2012 American Civic Education Teacher Award. This award is in recognition of a teacher's exemplary work preparing young people to become informed and engaged citizens.

In 2006, the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the National Education

Association launched the American Civic Education Teacher Awards (ACETA), designed to recognize educators who have demonstrated a special expertise in teaching about the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Congress, and public policy. Each year the ACETA program selects and showcases three exemplary teachers.

We the People. . . The Citizen and the Constitution

On February 13, 2012, students from Alta High, Mountain Crest High, and Sky View High participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Sky View was the championship team and represented Utah at the National Competition in Washington, D. C.

The 2013 State High School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 4 at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Questions for the 2013 state high school competition may be downloaded at <http://new.civiced.org/wtp-the-program/hearings/hearing-questions>.



We the People Championship Team from Pleasant Grove Junior High School

On February 9, 2012, students from Centennial Middle, Eisenhower Junior, Lehi Junior, Pleasant Grove Junior, Rocky Mountain Middle, and West Jordan Junior participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Pleasant Grove Junior High won the state title, with Eisenhower Junior placing second and Centennial Middle third. The 2013 Junior High School Competition will be held on February 7, 2013. Junior High School classes will prepare for question two in each of the six units.

Schools or teachers interested in participating in the program may contact their Congressional District Coordinator or the LRE Office at lre@icw.com.

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The Center for Civic Education's website includes videos of mock congressional hearings. These are great resources for teachers, students, and judges to learn about the process. Please check it out at www.new.civiced.org. Classroom sets of books also may be purchased at the site.

Think about sponsoring your school's We the People Program by purchasing a classroom set of books. Because the Center for Civic Education did not receive federal funding, textbooks are no longer available free of charge. Sets may be purchased at www.new.civiced.org.

Representative Democracy in America

Representative Democracy in America: Voices of the People is a national project created by the Alliance for Representative Democracy, an educational outreach program of the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the Trust for Representative Democracy at the National Conference of State Legislatures. The project introduces citizens, and particularly young people, to the representatives, institutions, and processes that serve to realize the goal of a government of, by, and for the people.

For more information about the program and a training opportunity in Utah, contact: Utah Law Related Education, lre@icw.com.

We the People . . . Project Citizen

Free classroom sets of books are available for teachers interested in participating in the Project Citizen Program. For more information, please contact Janet Hilliard at ire@icw.com or Bill Spence, billspence@alpinedistrict.org.

Salt Lake Peer Court

Salt Lake Peer Court is a prevention/intervention program utilized by the Salt Lake City School District and Juvenile Court. Approximately 300 youth are referred to Peer Court each year. Offenses most commonly referred are chronic truancy, fighting, disorderly conduct, theft, vandalism, harassment, and tobacco.

Salt Lake Peer Court is

- A three part program: 1) Court Hearings, 2) Peer Mentoring, and 3) Mediation;
- An alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system and school disciplinary proceedings using a non-adversarial approach for youth who are sentenced and mentored by their peers;
- A restorative-justice approach to hold youth accountable for their actions, to build skills, and to strengthen their ties to school and community;
- An approach which empowers youth and communities to take an active role in addressing the early stages of youth delinquency; and
- A program that eliminates social barriers and unites youth throughout the community as they collaborate to intervene with referred youth.

For more information, check out the website at <http://www.saltlakepeercourt.org>.

Salt Lake Peer Court members were sworn in by Juvenile Court Judge Christine Decker on Wednesday, September 7, 2012 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake City Library. Judge Decker, Salt Lake City Police Chief Chris Burbank, and Salt Lake School District Superintendent McKell Withers spoke to the youth volunteers. Santana Thompson and Joshua Woods were the student speakers.

Constitution Day

September 17 is recognized in the United States as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The purpose of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is to commemorate the creation and signing of the supreme law of the land and to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship for both native-born and naturalized citizens. Federal law requires that all schools receiving federal funds hold an educational program for their students on September 17 of each year.

Free lessons designed to assist schools and federal agencies to meet the requirements of this law are available for download at:

Center for Civic Education:

<http://new.civiced.org/resources/curriculum/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day>

Apples 4 the Teacher: U.S. Government - Constitution Day Classroom Activities - Constitution Week Unit of Study. Printable Coloring pages, Book Reviews, Word Jumbles, Worksheets, and Word Searches.

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/constitution-day>

Constitutional Rights Foundation: <http://www.crf-usa.org/constitution-day/constitution-day-lesson-plans-kindergarten-middle-and-high-school.html>

American Bar Association: The Constitution - Debate It. Discuss It. Understand It. Website has lesson plans, interactive features and games, conversation starters, and information on landmark Supreme Court cases.

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/initiatives_awards/constitution_day/lessons.html

Read the Constitution:

http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/textconst_intro.shtml

National Archives: Teaching With Documents: Observing Constitution Day

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-day/>

Constitution Facts' Fun Zone: Crossword puzzles, test your knowledge quizzes, treasure hunts, and word finds.

<http://www.constitutionfacts.com/>

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Calendar of Events

2012

September 1 We The People state high school questions posted at <http://new.civiced.org/wtp-the-program/hearings/hearing-questions>.
September 17 Constitution Day
October 15 Mock trial registration posted. www.lawrelatededucation.org
December 15 Mock trial registration due.
December 15 Bill of Rights Day

2013

January 23 Mock trial teacher meeting
January 23 Mock trial attorney CLE
January 24 2013 Mock Trial Case posted. www.lawrelatededucation.org
February 4 State High School We the People Competition
February 7 State Junior High School We the People Competition
February 19 Mock trials begin.
May 1 Law Day