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Janet Hilliard Retires

After thirty years, I am retiring from Utah Law Related Education. I've enjoyed the associations, and thank everyone for the well-wishes. So . . . as you drive to work in the snow and are stuck on the parking lot freeway, think of me snuggled in front of the fire with a good book." Janet will be greatly missed by many—for her loyalty and commitment to law-related education, creativity, organizational skills, work ethic, and so much more.

Utah Mock Trials

Victoria Dyatt
Mock Trial Coordinator



"The Mock Trial Program is an amazing program, and one I am passionate about. I retired from Ventura County Office of Education in December 2013. I was the coordinator for the Ventura Mock Trial County Competition for 12.5 years. During that time, the number of participants increased, and student workshops were instituted to help teams better understand the different roles they play, and to better present their case. I worked with new Mock Trial advisors to help them understand how to build a team and to realize their role as an important member of the team.

Over the years, the rewards were many, and the support from the law community grew each year as well. Being new to the state of Utah, I'm looking forward to an exciting 2016 Mock Trial Competition and to building new relationships, so that our students and future leaders have a positive experience in learning about how our judicial system works. "

If you would like to connect with Victoria, you may reach her via e-mail at lawrelatedvictoria@xmission.com or call her at 801.322.1850.

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 lawrelatedvictoria@xmission.com.

We are so grateful to the hundreds of supporters who coached and judged the mock trial teams competing in the 2015 Mock Trial Program. Sixty-seven teams competed in 98 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 2015 High School Championship teams were West High School, first place, and Woods Cross High School, second place. Centennial Middle placed first with Wasatch Home School Debate League placing second in the Junior High School Division. West High participated in the National Mock Trial Competition in Raleigh, North Carolina in May.



West High School Mock Trial Team



Centennial Middle School Mock Trial Team

The 2016 Mock Trial Competition will begin February 18. The Mock Trial teacher and attorney CLE meetings will be January 20, 2016, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, in Salt Lake City. The registration process will be an online registration only. Team teachers/advisors may access the link through the ULRE website, www.lawrelatededucation.org, and register their team(s) the first week in October.

The *2016 Mock Trial Handbook* may be downloaded on January 21, 2016. Other mock trial cases and scripted mock trials also may be downloaded at this site.

We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution



Dawn Harvey
We the People Coordinator

“I have been involved with the *We the People* program for over 20 years. I competed my senior year of high school and participated in the National Finals that year in Washington, D.C. as well. My love for the framers and for the Constitution inspired me to receive a B.A. in History and Teaching. While I was an undergraduate, I became

involved in the program by judging, timing, and facilitating at the congressional district and state levels each year. I have always loved this program, and I looked forward to the opportunity to rub shoulders with the amazing students who work so hard to prepare for the competition.

The *We the People* program was a catalyst in my life and led me to be involved in local and national politics and issues. I truly believe that the majority of the students who participate in this program are better prepared and motivated to serve their communities by being politically involved.”

If you would like to connect with Dawn, you may reach her via e-mail at lrecoordinator@gmail.com or call her at 801.322.1802.

On February 4, 2015, students from Sky View High School, Alta High, Mountain Crest High, and AMES Academy participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center.



Sky View High School’s class, the Utah State 2015 *We the People* Champions, participated with more than 1,500 high school students and their teachers nationwide in the *We the People* National Finals in Washington, D.C.

The 2016 State High School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 3 at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Questions for the 2016 state high school competition may be downloaded from the Center for Civic Education’s website, www.civiced.org, at the end of August. Click on the *We the People* page.

The State Junior High School Competition was held February 11, 2015, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Centennial, Central Davis, Oak Canyon, Pleasant Grove, and West Jordan junior high school/middle school students prepared responses to question three in each of the six units. Pleasant Grove Junior High placed first, with Centennial Middle second, and Oak Canyon third.

The 2016 Junior High School Competition will be held on February 10. Students should 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.

We the People State Coordinator

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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.civiced.org.

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: www.civiced.org

Classroom Sets of *We the People's* Enhanced Ebook are Available on Mobile Devices.

The groundbreaking *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* enhanced ebook for high school students is available on mobile devices. Subscribers can enjoy *We the People* on nearly any device, including Macs and PCs, Apple iPads and iPhones, Android tablets and smart phones, and Windows 8 touch-screen devices.

We the People . . . Project Citizen

Free classroom sets of books and training opportunities are available for teachers interested in participating in the Project Citizen Program. For more information, please contact Kathy Dryer at lawrelatedkathy@xmission.com or Bill Spence, billspence@alpinedistrict.org.

Salt Lake Peer Court



Kayley Richards

Salt Lake Peer Court Program Director

Kayley comes to Salt Lake Peer Court with a Masters of Science in Criminal Justice from Weber State University. She also brings invaluable experiential knowledge to our program; she has served as an AmeriCorps Vista volunteer with the Utah State Prison system, has worked as a Jail Screener for Salt Lake County Pretrial Services, and most recently worked as a Probation Officer in Missouri, where she supervised juveniles on judicial and non-judicial probation.

Kayley understands the importance of restorative justice practices and empowering youth to engage in the community in positive and productive ways. If you would like to contact Kayley, you may reach her by e-mail at slpcourt@xmission.com or by phone at 801.322.1815.

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 truancy, fighting, tobacco, alcohol, vandalism, theft, trespassing, and disorderly conduct.

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>.

On August 24, 2015, a Swearing-In Ceremony was held at the Salt Lake City Public Library for the 120 Salt Lake Peer Court members. The keynote speaker was Salt Lake Justice Court Judge John Baxter, who also conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

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, lawrelatedkathy@xmission.com.

Calendar of Events

2015

August 31	<i>We the People</i> state high school questions posted on CCE's website at www.civiced.org
September 17	Constitution Day
October 1	Online Mock Trial registration; access link through ULRE's website at www.lawrelatededucation.org .
December 4	Mock Trial registration due.
December 15	Bill of Rights Day

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January	<i>We the People</i> District Competitions
January 20	Mock Trial Teacher Meeting
January 20	Mock Trial Attorney CLE
January 21	2016 Mock Trial case posted at www.lawrelatededucation.org .
February 3	State High School <i>We the People</i> Competition
February 10	State Junior High School <i>We the People</i>
February 18	Mock Trials begin.
May 1	Law Day
June	RDA/Project Citizen Teachers' Workshop



Constitution Day

September 17 is recognized in the United States as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The purpose of this 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:

Utah State Bar Civic Education Committee, Utah State Office of Education, and Utah Commission on Civic and Character Education:

Judges and lawyers of the Utah State Bar are standing by for the annual teach-in on **Constitution Day, Friday, September 17**.

To request a guest judge or lawyer to teach your students about the Constitution, copy the form at <http://civics.utahbar.org/teacherresources.html> into an e-mail, answer the questions, and send it to civics@utahbar.org.

Center for Civic Education:

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

<http://www.sharemylesson.com/mypublicprofile.aspx?uc=2527343>

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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