Final Opportunity to Judge Mock Trial Nationals

The Foundation will host the 2021 National High School Mock Trial Championship in just two short weeks. Help us showcase Indiana to the best and brightest students from across the country by volunteering as a presiding or scoring judge.

Round 1: Thursday, May 13, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm ET (20 judges needed)
Round 2: Thursday, May 13, 3:30 - 7:00 pm ET (12 judges needed)
Round 3: Friday, May 14, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm ET (back-up judges only)
Round 4: Saturday, May 15, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm ET (back-up judges only)

The competition will be virtual via Zoom, allowing you to participate from your home or office. To register, please visit 2021.nhsmtc.org and complete the form by this Friday, April 30. Thank you in advance for helping to make this important educational program a success.

We the People National Finals
Hamilton Southeastern High School represented Indiana at the 2021 We the People National Finals this past weekend. They qualified for the Top 12 final round on Monday and ultimately finished 11th out of 48 teams!

National Invitational
For the first time, five Indiana middle schools will compete at the We the People National Invitational happening this weekend. They are:
- Fall Creek Junior High, Fishers
- Fishers Junior High, Fishers
- Kingsway Christian School, Avon
- St. Richards Episcopal School, Indianapolis
- Woodside Middle School, Fort Wayne

Civic Education Task Force Featured Nationally
Indiana was featured by CivXNow for the passing of House Bill 1384, the legislation requiring a semester of civics in middle school and creating the state civic education commission.

Dr. Laura Hammack, a member of the Foundation’s Civic Education Task Force, labeled the legislation a “game changer” for Hoosier students.

ISTA Hoosier Educator of the Year
Janet Chandler, Foundation board member, was recently named Indiana State Teachers Association Hoosier Educator of the Year. The award is given annually based on professional practice, advocacy for the profession, attention to diversity, community engagement, and leadership.
It is very well-deserved given Janet’s dedication to not only teaching the We the People and Mock Trial programs at Hamilton Southeastern High School and serving on the Civic Education Task Force but improving the teaching profession and civics statewide. Congratulations!

Janet and her students competing at the 2021 We the People National Finals.