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Special Thanks



The Foundation and those from Cathedral, Plainfield, and John Adams High Schools are grateful to the ISBA sections that helped with their travel expenses to the national competitions: Agricultural Law, Criminal Justice, Elder Law, Family & Juvenile Law, General Practice, Solo & Small Firm, Health Law, and Senior Lawyers.

10 Fifth-Grade Classes Participate in the *We the People* Elementary State Showcase

Last Friday, almost 300 students from 10

Fishers Junior High Wins the 2017 *We the People* National Invitational



The Foundation is ecstatic to announce that the 2017 *We the People* National Invitational Champion is Fishers Junior High School. Fishers Junior High students, led by their teacher Michael Fassold, were the 2016 Indiana Middle School State Champions and competed in Washington, D.C. April 28-30.

This incredible accomplishment came on the heels of two Indiana high schools placing third and fourth at the *We the People* National Finals. It, once again, demonstrates the outstanding quality of *We the People* teachers in Indiana, their dedication, as well that of their students.

Senator Todd Young recently honored Fishers Junior High School for its "impressive victory" in the *We the People* National Invitational. You can find the full recitation in the Congressional record [here](#). Congratulations Mr. Fassold and Fishers Jr. High!

John Adams Team Places 19th at Mock Trial Nationals

The team *Not Necessarily* from John Adams High School, South Bend, competed in the 2017 National High School Mock Trial Championship on May 12-13 in Hartford, Connecticut after winning Indiana's High School Mock Trial State Competition. The team, made up entirely of Adams seniors represented Indiana in fine fashion, placing 19th among teams from 46 different states and territories. The team was coached by Judy Shroyer and the Hon. John Broden. John Adams teams have competed at the national competition in 18 of the 21 years High School Mock Trial has existed in Indiana.

classes participated in the *We the People* Elementary State Showcase. Participating schools included Frank Hammond Elementary School in Munster, Kahler Middle School in Dyer, Michael Grimmer Middle School in Shererville, and Clark Middle School in St. John. The students were fantastic and represented themselves, their teachers, their schools, and their communities admirably. Parents, friends, and extended family showed up to support the students as well. To learn more about the *We the People* program, [click here](#).

According to one teacher-coach, mock trial is the "most critically demanding activity a high school student may undertake." In Indiana, 430 high school youth participate in the Indiana High School Mock Trial program at 19 schools. To learn more about mock trial, [click here](#).

The members of *Not Necessarily* have career plans that include the sciences as well as humanities, with team members stating they plan to major in math, physics, speech pathology, art therapy, psychology and political science in college. The list of colleges they plan to attend next year is an impressive one, with names such as Vanderbilt, Penn, Notre Dame, Purdue, and Indiana, just to name a few.

How the Indiana Bar Helped Hoosiers in Need

From domestic violence survivors to uninhabitable housing, thousands of Hoosiers received aid from the Indiana bar members through civil legal aid organizations last year. The [2016 Annual Report](#) highlights the work of nonprofit civil legal aid groups and their Hoosier clients helped by grants from the Foundation.

In July, you will receive a letter showing how much you donated to the Foundation in 2016 that you may use when you renew your attorney registration with the Indiana Supreme Court. We encourage you to report not only what you donated to various legal aid or pro bono nonprofits, but also the hours your spent in 2016 providing legal assistance and advice to Hoosiers who cannot afford a private attorney.

Volunteer. Donate. Advocate.

How does a \$750 donation to the Foundation help students, Hoosiers in need, and others? When you make a \$750 donation by September 30, your donation earns the Foundation an additional \$250 from Kenneth J. Allen, Foundation president. If you haven't heard, the [Keystone Society](#) is in its second year of supporting the Foundation's growth in programs.

Learn more about Ken Allen's match [here](#) and consider how your donation will ensure the students and teachers learning about the Constitution and American judicial process can grow in their knowledge. Don't wait! The match is a very popular way of getting you more recognition for helping the Foundation grow. Even if you aren't an attorney, you can contribute to the Foundation's programming at any level to ensure these students and teachers have the tools they need.

Stop by the Foundation's booth if you are attending the **ISBA's Solo and Small Firm** conference and learn about volunteer opportunities in your community. ISBA

members who contribute when they renew their dues can feel proud of the public service the legal profession provides in education and civil legal aid. Tell a colleague what you have learned about the Foundation's mission and bring them with you to volunteer. Or share this e-newsletter with a friend.

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