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St. Andrew Catholic School Mock Trial team wins regional competition ~ Students will now compete in state contest ~

GEORGETOWN, SC – St. Andrew Catholic School’s Mock Trial team will be one of twelve groups that will compete in the 2022 State Middle School Mock Trial Competition after it placed first in the Georgetown regional competition. Additionally, six of the students were chosen “Most Effective Lawyer” or “Most Effective Witness” at the event. “These students worked diligently preparing for this competition, so we are extremely proud of their accomplishment,” said Deborah Wilfong, school principal.

The competition consists of students acting as lawyers and witnesses for both sides of a fictional case that is being tried in court. The students work with teachers and attorney coaches to prepare for the mock trial. They then present the case before a presiding judge and scoring judges. Being on the team gives students the opportunity to think critically, sharpen their public speaking skills and build confidence.

“Mock trial is a wonderful opportunity for students to broaden their horizons and give them real-world experience,” said Cheryl Sedota, St. Andrew’s mock trial coach and assistant principal. “It takes a real commitment to be on a team of this nature because of the hours it requires to study the case, understand the legal process, and learn trial procedures. It is a wonderful academic opportunity to reach children with varying gifts and talents.”

The state Mock Trial competition will be held at the Richland Magistrate Courthouse in Columbia on Dec. 2-3.

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