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Lincoln County students win mock trial competition

For immediate release

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Students from Guyan Valley Middle School in Lincoln County will visit the West Virginia Supreme Court at 9 a.m. on May 27 to receive an award as the 2016 winners of the West Virginia Law Adventure competition. They also will tour the courtroom and hear a presentation about the court history.

The Supreme Court's West Virginia Law Adventure program requires participating classes to write their own mock trial scripts based on one of three criminal case scenarios, which change each year. The scenarios are written by the Young Lawyers Section of the West Virginia State Bar. Each participating class must act out its script in front of a judicial officer – a magistrate, family court judge, or circuit court judge – before sending its entry. Students' trips to the local courthouses and Supreme Court are paid for by a grant from the West Virginia Bar Foundation.

The program is open to all students in grades 5-12, with potential winners in different grade categories and a category for mixed grades. In 2016 there is only one winner because multiple schools could not complete the process due to scheduling issues.

West Virginia Law Adventure is supported by the West Virginia Department of Education. It meets the following WV Content Standards and Objectives:

SS.5.C.2 assume a role (e.g., judge, juror, prosecutor, etc.) in a mock proceeding (John Brown, Dred Scott, etc.) to acquire the understanding of the trial by jury process and justify its effectiveness in solving conflicts in society both past and present.

SS.12.C.1 strive to become vigilant, informed citizens who actively participate in preservation and improvement of American government through community services and service-learning (examples include individual service projects, patriotic events, mock trial, group initiatives, community volunteerism).

West Virginia Law Adventure is one of several civics projects of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. Others include Robes to Schools, National Center for State Courts "Justice Case Files" Graphic Novels, and LAWS (Legal Advancement of West Virginia Students).

To learn more about the Court's civics projects visit <http://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/student-resources/index.html> or contact Kandi Greter, Public Education Coordinator, at Kandi.greter@courtswv.gov or 304-340-2755.

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