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June 2022 Mock Trial News

[NC MOCK TRIAL RECOGNIZED AT NCAJ CONVENTION](#)

The North Carolina Mock Trial Program was recognized in its 30th year at the NCAJ Convention's annual meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

The North Carolina Mock Trial Program administers the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition. NCAJ started the high school mock trial program 30 years ago and its support runs deep not only as the high school mock trial competition sponsor, but also in terms of its members supporting the program with their time and talent volunteering, and with individual contributions and firm sponsorships. We were excited to join NCAJ members at their annual convention in Charlotte this month to celebrate NCAJ's Diamond Jubilee - 60 years as an organization dedicated to protecting people, preventing injustice and promoting fairness. NCAJ also celebrated 30 years of high school mock trial, recognizing the NCMTTP at its annual meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2022. NCMTTP Board Member Mark Sumwalt recapped some of our 30 year history and recognized NCMTTP President, Rebecca Britton, as well as members of the NCMTTP board and attorneys and paralegals who have supported the program. We were excited to join exhibitors at the convention with a table dedicated to mock trial.

The NCMTTP wishes to send a huge thank you to all of the NCAJ members who stopped by our exhibitor table during the Convention to say hello, learn more about mock trial, share ideas about how to reach more schools, and sign up to become a

volunteer. We love that you share in our excitement for mock trial and what the program does to enrich the lives of our future leaders. We especially thank NCAJ for its incredible support of the high school mock trial program.



North Carolina Mock Trial Program Board President, Rebecca Britton, accepts an award at the 2022 NCAJ Convention on behalf of the NCMTP in recognition of its 30 years of civic education provided to high school students.

FORMER MOCKER TURNS SUMMER INTERN THROUGH DUKE ENGAGE PROGRAM



Michael Austin, NCMTP 2022 Summer Intern

At the age of eleven I participated in my first mock trial. The memory is foggy, but unmistakably I recall how it made me feel: invigorated, legitimized, and most importantly, part of something bigger than myself. I think this reflects just how much I needed mock trial as a young student, a place where my curiosity was encouraged and my gifts were acknowledged. That was what first drew me to the activity: mock trial was a chance for my excitement about public speaking and my proclivity for zealous, forensic questioning to be recognized as a path to success, a path that wasn't as apparent elsewhere.

Seven years later, I've been a passionate participant in mock trial ever since, made possible by the North Carolina Mock Trial Program. During high school, my teammates and I would eagerly await the release of the coming season's case like it was the next season of *Stranger Things*. Our weekly meetings in the fall and winter would be a haven to express the most creative, collaborative, and forensic sides of ourselves. And for us, the real Super Bowl in February was the day of North Carolina mock trial regionals. The small triumphs of these tournaments—seeing the result of our teamwork and civic enthusiasm—have drawn my peers and I alike to envision ourselves in careers of law and public service.

I share these memories, firstly, to introduce myself. My name is Michael Austin, and I am a rising freshman at Duke University from Cary, NC. Through the DukeEngage

Gateway program, my school has enabled me to work alongside the North Carolina Mock Trial Program this summer, volunteering my student perspective wherever helpful. As I'm excited to give back to this program and activity that has been so formative for me, I wish to thank those who make North Carolina mock trial possible through their hard work and dedication to civic education. I hope my experiences remind you of the meaningful and life-changing impact you have on so many students.

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