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More than 1,500 Massachusetts high school students participating in 29th annual Mock Trial Program

Top two teams to meet in State Championship at Faneuil Hall on March 25

BOSTON, Mass. — More than 1,500 students across the state are turning their classrooms into courtrooms this year to assume the roles of both lawyers and witnesses during the 29th annual Mock Trial Program, presented by the Massachusetts Bar Association.

First organized in 1985, the 2014 Mock Trial Program began on Jan. 21 and runs through March 25. The program places high school teams from 16 regions across the state in a simulated courtroom. Student competitors at more than 130 schools across the commonwealth are expected to participate in the 2014 Mock Trial Program. (See list of participating schools below.)

The Mass. Bar Association's Mock Trial Program is unique in that it includes teams from public and private schools, including charter and parochial schools.

Following a tournament schedule similar to college basketball's championship, 16 teams of students will be announced as regional winners next week. Four teams will ultimately advance to the semi-final elimination round and face off during trials held simultaneously on March 20 in Boston and Worcester. The two finalists will then advance to the state championship, to be held on March 25 in the Great Hall of Faneuil Hall in Boston. In 2013, the Winsor School of Boston won the state championship, its second win since 2010.

This year's case revolves around whether or not the wing of a stunt plane sheared off due to a design defect or as a result of pilot error. The plaintiff is the child of a stunt pilot who died performing an advanced aerobatic maneuver while practicing for a stunt show at the Devlin County Fair. The plaintiff asserts that the defendant, Carborite Aircraft Inc., failed to design the plane to withstand the standard amount of g-force necessary for a stunt plane in order to save money. Carborite's position is that the plane was designed correctly, and that the plane's maximum permitted g-force was only exceeded because of the negligent actions of the pilot.

The Mock Trial Program is administered by the Mass. Bar Association with support from the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp. and the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. More than 100 lawyers across the state will volunteer as coaches and judges.

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All participating communities and their corresponding schools are listed on the following pages:

Acton

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
Voyagers, Incorporated

Andover

Andover High School
Phillips Academy

Arlington

Arlington High School

Ashburnham

Cushing Academy
Oakmont Regional High School

Attleboro

Bishop Feehan High School

Ayer

Ayer High School

Bellingham

Bellingham High School

Belmont

Belmont High School

Boston

Another Course To College
Boston College High School
Boston Latin School
Cathedral High School
Match Charter Public High School
The Newman School
The Winsor School

Braintree

Braintree High School
Thayer Academy

Bridgewater

Bridgewater-Raynham High School

Brockton

Cardinal Spellman High School

Brookline

Brookline High School
Maimonides School

Cambridge

Cambridge Rindge & Latin
Community Charter School of
Cambridge

Canton

Canton High School

Carver

Carver High School

Chelsea

Chelsea High School

Chestnut Hill

Beaver Country Day School

Concord

Concord Academy

Dalton

Wahconah Regional High School

Danvers

St. John's Preparatory

Devens

Francis W. Parker Charter
Essential School

Dorchester

Boston Latin Academy

Dover

Dover-Sherborn High School

East Longmeadow

East Longmeadow High School

Everett

Everett High School

Fall River

B.M.C. Durfee High School
Bishop Connolly High School

Falmouth

Falmouth High School

Fiskdale

Tantasqua Regional High School

Foxborough

Foxborough High School

Framingham

Marian High School

Franklin

Franklin High School

Granby

Granby Jr.-Sr. High School

Greenfield

Four Rivers Charter Public School

Hadley

Hopkins Academy

Hardwick

Eagle Hill School

Harwich

Harwich High School

Hingham

Hingham High School

Hopedale

Hopedale Jr.-Sr. High School

Hopkinton

Hopkinton High School

Hull

Hull High School

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Hyannis Barnstable Gateway Program Sturgis West Charter Public School Sturgis East Charter School	Maynard Maynard High School	Northfield Pioneer Valley Regional School
Lawrence Central Catholic High School Performing and Fine Arts High School	Medfield Medfield Senior High School	Osterville Cape Cod Academy
Lee Lee Middle and High School	Melrose Melrose High School	Peabody Peabody Veterans Memorial High School
Lenox Lenox Memorial High School	Methuen Methuen High School	Pittsfield Pittsfield High School
Lexington Lexington High School	Milford Milford High School	Reading Reading Memorial High School
Longmeadow Longmeadow High School	Milton Milton High School	Revere Revere High School
Lowell Lowell Catholic High School Lowell High School	Natick Natick High School	Rockland Rockland Senior High School
Lunenburg Lunenburg High School	Needham Needham High School	Salem Salem High School
Lynn Lynn Classical High School Lynn English High School Lynn Vocational & Technical Institute	Newton Newton Country Day School Newton North High School Newton South High School	Sharon Sharon High School
Lynnfield Lynnfield High School	North Chelmsford Chelmsford High School	Shrewsbury St. John's High School
Malden Malden Catholic High School Malden High School	North Dartmouth Bishop Stang High School	Somerville Somerville High School
Mansfield Mansfield High School	North Dighton Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School	South Hadley Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School
Marblehead Marblehead High School	North Eastham Nauset Regional High School	Southwick Southwick-Tolland Regional High School
Marshfield Marshfield High School	North Easton Oliver Ames High School	Springfield Springfield Renaissance School
Mattapoisett Old Rochester Regional High School	North Reading North Reading High School	Swampscott Swampscott High School
	Northboro Algonquin Regional High School	Swansea Joseph Case High School
	Norwell Norwell High School	Tewksbury Tewksbury Memorial High School

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Townsend

North Middlesex Regional

Walpole

Walpole High School

Waltham

Gann Academy - New Jewish
High School

Wayland

Wayland High School

Webster

Bartlett Jr.- Sr. High School

Westford

Nashoba Valley Technical High
School
Westford Academy

Westwood

Westwood High School

Whitman

Whitman -Hanson Regional
High School

Wilbraham

Minnechaug Regional High
School

Wilmington

Wilmington High School

Winthrop

Winthrop Sr. High School

Worcester

Holy Name Central Catholic
High School
Massachusetts Academy for
Math & Science
South High Community School
St. Peter-Marian Central
Catholic High School

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