

The Mock Minute:

Penn State's Mock Trial Newsletter



Coming back to Winter vs TBD!

Greetings parents, alumni, and friends of Penn State Mock Trial. We hope that you had a relaxing holiday season with family and friends. After a well deserved holiday break, Penn State Mock Trial is ready to keep arguing Winter vs TBD. After a busy fall semester of arguing the case and figuring out the strengths of each of our members, our AMTA teams are ready to dominate.

Penn State Mock Trial is very excited to be hosting the Happy Valley Invitational for AMTA regionals and our annual Blue and White Courtroom Classic.

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What is Winter vs TBD?

This year's Mockers are arguing a civil rights case. Riley Winter is suing TBD, a magazine company from which he was terminated after 27 years of employment. Riley Winter claims that he was fired because of his age and is filing a claim of age discrimination against the company.

Looking back at the Fall IM and Pre-AMTA Season

Penn State hosted its ninth Happy Valley Invitational! Twenty-nine schools attended our tournament. Penn State's Black Team competed at this tournament. We were happy to host this tournament and we are looking forward to hosting Regionals this Spring, February 3-5.



Individual Awards Thus Far

Attorney Awards

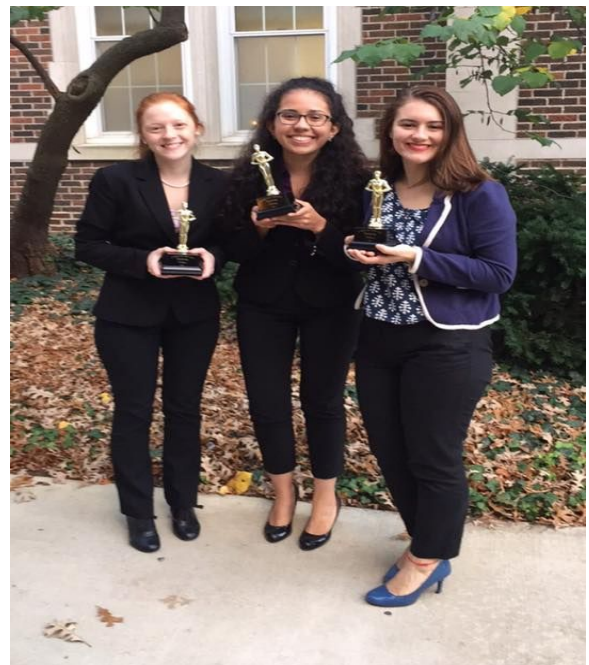
Larissa Gil, 20 ranks
Josh Simmons, 19 ranks
Caitie Bailey, 18 ranks
Eric Love, 18 ranks
Larissa Gil, 18 ranks

Witness Awards

Brooke Juice, 19 ranks
Cecilia Mabilais-Estevez, 18 ranks
Erin Doolin, 18 ranks
Laura Krause, 17 ranks
Cecilia Mabilais-Estevez: 17 ranks
Jonathan Lockwood, 16 Ranks



Joshua Simmons (left),
Jonathan Lockwood (right)



From left to right: Brooke Juice,
Larissa Gil, Cecilia Mabilais-Estevez

Team Awards



At Ohio State, the Red team won 2nd place with a record of 7-1.



At Elon University, the Blue Team won the Southern Hospitality award!

It's AMTA season and our new teams have been announced!

A-Team:

Eric Love- Captain
Larissa Gil- Captain
Josh Simmons
Haley Cantrell
Victor Gregory
Erin Doolin
Josh Schrepfer

C-Team:

Robert Farmer- Captain
Mary Lawrence- Captain
Larissa Gil- Adviser
Brooke Juice
Laura Krause
Ashley Novotny
Alex Phinn

B-Team

Kait Colen- Captain
Kyle Cornman- Captain
Sangeetha Kannan
Cecilia Mabilais-Estevez
Danny Vargas
Daniel Zahn

D-Team:

Sydney Kotalik- Captain
Sarah LaMaster- Captain
Kait Colen- Advisor
Caitie Conway
Kay Rinkers
Cory Steinle
Elisa Vogel



Where We're Going Next

It's AMTA season! We have teams travelling all over this year. This is where we are competing:

A Team:

Hilltop Invitational in
Washington, DC (January 27-29)
Regionals in State College, PA
(February 3-5)

B Team:

Hilltop Invitational in
Washington, DC (January 27-29)
Regionals in Buffalo, New York
(February 10-12)

C Team:

Wolverine Classic in Ann Arbor,
Michigan (January 20-22)
Regionals in Buffalo, New York
(February 10-12)

D Team:

Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD
(January 20-22)
Regionals in State College, PA
(February 3-5)

Blue and White Courtroom Classic!

Penn State is hosting its annual Blue and White Courtroom Classic January 14-15, 2017. We will be having 13 high school teams coming to Penn State to compete in the Business Building! We are very excited to welcome schools to Happy Valley!

State College Regionals

Penn State will be hosting a regional AMTA tournament February 3-5, 2017. We will be welcoming 24 schools to compete!

Mock Trial's New Spring Executive Board:

President: Larissa Gil

Vice President: Kyle Cornman

Secretary: Brook Juice

Treasurer: Joshua Simmons

Tournament Director: Mary Lawrence

Judging Coordinator/Alumni Relations: Sangeetha Kannan

Public Relations: Erin Doolin

Fundraising Chair: Jonathan Lockwood

Education Chair: Kaitlyn Colen

Letter from the President

Hello from Penn State Mock Trial! I would first like to thank you for your continued support of our organization and for your interest in keeping up with our competitive success! As the semester begins, our organization is getting ready for another successful season of bringing home trophies.

This Fall, we attended eight different tournaments from the Tobacco Road Invitational in Durham, NC to the Big Red Invitational Classic in Ithaca, New York. I'm proud of each and every team for representing our organization as a highly competitive group of mockers. We ended the season with eleven individual awards, one second place trophy, and a Spirit of AMTA award!

Along with our competitive success, we have made lots of improvements within our own organization. This year we hosted the 9th Annual Happy Valley Invitational (HVI) and thanks to Tournament Director Mary Lawrence, we had our largest tournament to date with 29 teams! We made changes to our recruitment process by implementing a "buddy system." Every new member was matched with a returning member, who served as a resource in the organization. Educational seminars were also made mandatory for all new members, which has produced some talented freshmen with great potential.

Moving forward, we will be competing again in several tournaments in preparation for Regionals! We are also ready to host thirteen high school mock trial teams for our second annual Blue and White Courtroom Classic. I'm excited to serve as President for another semester and to continue working with my amazing executive board to have a successful AMTA season.

Happy Holidays! Relax, sleep, and eat,

Larissa Gil
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