

Hillcrest We the People Team Takes First Place in Connecticut State Competition

Hillcrest Middle School's We the People Team took home first place honors at "The Citizen and the Constitution" Showcase Hearings in Hartford on Wednesday, April 1st.

All middle school teams participating in the competition are divided into sub-groups called "units," each with a predetermined area of focus. Hillcrest unit sub-groups took first place in three of the six units.

Hillcrest's Unit Six (What are the Responsibilities of Citizens?) members Grace Forster, Danielle Haight, and Gabby Gottschall achieved the overall high score in the competition.

Hillcrest's two other first-place units were Unit One (What were the Founders' Basic Ideas about Government?), comprised of Ben Veres, Quinn Lincoln, Gerard Spiegel, and David Bruton... and Unit Two (What Shaped the Founders' Thinking about Government?), whose members were Erin Moore, Alana Lynch, Nate Matschke, and Sydney Morrison.

The combination of all six units' scores determines the overall team champion in the competition, making every team member's contributions integral to success. Members of Hillcrest's other three units were Patrick Adams, Kimberly Arison, Brandon Capece, Michael Cydylo, Molly Glynn, Carly Goroff, Augustine Haam, Paul Leninger, Chris LoBosco, Ari Matz, Alexis Watcke, and Nicole Wittstein.

The team's advisors, Charles Callahan and Brian Hendrickson, expressed the group's gratitude to the Hillcrest We the People alumni and the We the People Team at Trumbull High and its advisor, Mike Margonis, for generously volunteering their time and providing invaluable guidance in helping the team prepare for the competition.



The Hillcrest Middle School We the People Team, from left to right, front row: Nate Matschke, Grace Forster, and Patrick Adams. Second row: Danielle Haight, Sydney Morrison, Alanna Lynch, Molly Glynn, and Ari Matz. Third row: Erin Moore, Brandon Capece, Paul Leninger, Chris LoBosco, Gabby Gottschall, Alexis Watcke, and Nicole Wittstein. Fourth row: Quinn Lincoln, Augustine Haam, Advisor Brian Hendrickson, Ben Veres, Gerard Spiegel, David Bruton, Carly Goroff, Kimberly Arison, Advisor Charles Callahan, and Michael Cydylo.