



Hillcrest Middle School students took first and second honors in last month's mock trial competition in Middletown. From left, (front row) Connor McCann, Matt Newcomer, Chris LoBosco, Ari Matz, Paul Lenninger, Kevin Mott and Bob Nickson; (back row) Tyler Morin, Trey Remson, Matt Connelly, Mariana Saric, Pat Butler and Brian Hendrickson.

Twelve Hillcrest students go to court

Hillcrest Middle School students participated in the statewide Middle School Mock Trial Competition, co-sponsored by the Connecticut Consortium for Law and Citizenship Education and the Connecticut Bar Association.

Hillcrest students traveled to Middletown on Dec. 12, to present their cases in the region-

al tournament at Mercy High School and left with one first and one second place honor.

"The mock trial not only provided an enriching experience for the students, but also prepares students for the high school mock trial program," said Brian Hendrickson, who led the Hillcrest teams. The high school

program is available at Trumbull High School next fall.

Drawing from the high school program's 27-year history, the Middle School Mock Trial Program saw 300 students from more than 30 middle school teams compete in its seventh year. For more information on the mock trial programs, visit cclce.org.