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Madison wins civic contest

Thirty-one students from Madison Middle School recently won the state in the We The People competition held in Hartford on April 8.

We the People is a nationally acclaimed civic education program presenting the history and philosophy of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Students, divided into six units, study Constitutional issues and interpretations. Furthermore, students need to keep informed of current events by reading newspapers and magazines and applying this information to the context of the Constitution.

At the middle school level in Connecticut, students from five schools competed in a simulated Congressional hearing. As they did last year, this year's We the

People team from Madison took first place winning all six units. Student team members are Sneha Alaparathi, Michael Barnett, Paige Butler, Emma Connolly, Kate Craddock, Quynh-Lan Dao, Grace Donahue, Gina Dupnik, Jill Epstein, William Flaherty, Abigail Gibson, Emily Gillis, Jenna Gunsolley, Arielle Heyman, Daniel Hirshfield, Rachel Kennedy, Devon Kimball, Kathleen LaBoa, Rachel Laffite, Tina Lapsia, Samuel Maloney, Elana Marble, James Nealon, Meredith Ramsey, Aarya Reddy, Justin Samuelson, Stephen Scott, Aarya Sheno, Abbas Wadwha, Daniel Welch, and Thomas Wheeler. Roberta Weiner and Jennifer Bourque are the advisors.