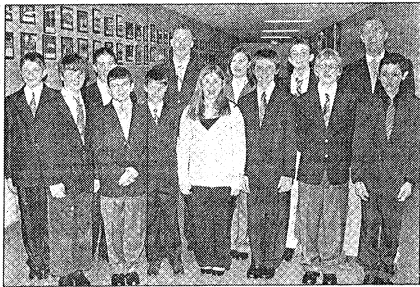


## Enriching experience

Hillcrest Middle School students recently 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. They traveled to Middletown on Dec. 12 to present their cases in the regional 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 program had 300 students from more than 30 middle-school teams compete in its seventh year.



Hillcrest Middle School students, from left, front row, are 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 adviser Brian Hendrickson.