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We The People Team Wins 10th Straight State Title

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The pressure was on for the Trumbull High School "We the People" team this year. Would they continue Trumbull's decade long winning streak? Each member of the team had a head full of quotes, statistics, and court cases as they nervously loaded the bus to Hartford. The members of the team felt the need to win not just for themselves, but for the reputation of Trumbull High School.

Since 1987, Trumbull High has participated in the annual "We the People" competition. Since 1998, Trumbull High school has been undefeated at the statewide level of the competition and has gone on to represent Connecticut at Nationals in Washington, D.C. Mr. Sullivan was simply unstoppable for the seven years that he advised the Trumbull High team since 1998. When he left, no one knew who would be able to fill his shoes as teacher/advisor of the team. However, Mr. Margonis, with his extensive knowledge of America's early history and love for the founding fathers, continued the team's legacy. Mr. Margonis credits Mr. Sullivan for sharing his knowledge about the



Trumbull captures 10th straight We The People state competition title. Photo courtesy of Casey Gardiner

program. He cited a quote by George Washington, "We are in wilderness without the footsteps to guide us." Along with using Mr. Sullivan's strategies, Mr. Margonis added his own techniques to the program.

Up until the competition, the students had been writing their written responses to their unit questions and preparing for follow up questions. Mr. Margonis, the advisor, had been helping the students improve their answers so

that they would without a doubt be the best in the state. He said, "It was important to remember that we were a team." The class took the first two months of school doing team building exercises and getting to know each other. The class also attended a public speaking seminar with Lenny Laskowski to practice getting up in front of large groups of people and feeling comfortable. Overall, Mr. Margonis thinks that the team's work ethic was much better than last year. He said, "This

years team definitely out researched last year's." He added, "I couldn't have asked for a better team."

The effort that Mr. Margonis and the members of the class put in definitely paid off. Four of the six units took first place, and Trumbull won overall. It was a very exciting day for the twenty-four members of the THS We the People team. The team's victory means that they will be representing Trumbull High

School at Nationals in Washington, D.C. in April. The team will begin working on the Nationals questions as soon as they are released. Mr. Margonis said, "I think that this year's team has a better shot at making top ten at nationals and that we will hopefully pull it off." The team will also get to do some sightseeing during their stay in D.C. Mr. Margonis hopes that the class will get to take tours of both the Capitol Building and the White House. Hopefully, they will also get to speak with Chris Shays.

In discussing the National competition, Mr. Margonis shared some things that he hopes the team will improve. He wants the team to have better preparation for follow up questions. He wants to make sure that the students are aware of more current events. He also hopes to hold another "Night at the Experts" before the National competition. He hopes to hold this event at Town Hall instead of the THS media center.

It will be a busy rest of the year for the Trumbull High School We the People team as they prepare for Nationals. However, the Trumbull High School community should be very proud of this team for their superb achievements so far this year.

High School Heroes

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Trumbull High School has some brave students to boast about. A fatal fire late Sunday night could have spun out of control if it weren't for one alert Trumbull student and a few courageous volunteer fire fighters.

Daryn Brauner, a senior at THS, was driving home around midnight when she saw smoke billowing from a neighbor's home. After waking her mother and quickly dialing 911, the two raced down the street. There, a senior citizen was locked out of his burning home, with his elderly wife trapped inside.

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Key Club Collects Holiday Toys

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The Key Club sponsored toy drive began on November 29, 2006 here at THS and the Agriscience center. The THS community responded in a very generous way. There were 408 toys collected at THS and 63 at the Agriscience center, bringing the grand total to 471 toys.

Toy boxes were located in each of the house offices and the Chorus room. The most toys were brought in by Anne Tornillo's various choirs. They made it a contest and had a Toy Drive Sign-up Poster. Each time someone from one of the choirs brought in a toy,

they signed their name under their choir group. The Chamber Singers, ending up bringing in the most. Many teachers encouraged their classes and homerooms to participate and gave them various incentives along the way. Many other clubs and organizations also took part and made it a point to bring in toys when they had their meetings. As you can see, it was a total Trumbull High School community effort and a huge success.

The toys were stored in Mr. Pijar's, the dean of students, office and on Friday, December 16th were packed in boxes by the Senior Key Club officers and transported to the Agriscience center. They were picked up there by the Marines on Saturday morning.



Key Club officers (left to right) Rick Girouard (Sr. President), Jeff Kindl (Sr. Treasurer), Alex Piechota (Sr. Secretary) and Jess Bubbico (Sr. Vice-President) help organize the toys in Mr. Pijar's office. Photo courtesy of Ms. Kluspes



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