

## San Joaquin County Office of Education

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017-036: Mock Trial Results

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### San Joaquin County Mock Trial Ends with Championship Round

*The verdict is in: Venture Academy wins Mock Trial and heads to state competition*

The team from Venture Academy Family of Schools fought its way over two weeks of competition and six rounds of play to become the champion of the 2017 San Joaquin County Mock Trial Competition. Of the teams from 11 county high schools that began the competition, only four teams vied for the championship on Feb. 25, when the final two rounds took place at the San Joaquin County Courthouse in Stockton. They were followed by an awards ceremony at the Stockton Federal Building. As the winning team, Venture Academy will compete in the state competition on March 24-26 in Riverside County.

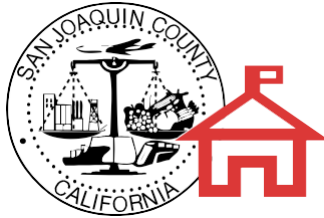
**Results:** First Place: Venture Academy, San Joaquin County Office of Education  
Second Place: Stockton Early College Academy (SECA), Stockton Unified School District  
Third Place: Pacific Law Academy, Stockton Unified  
Fourth Place: Lincoln High School, Lincoln Unified School District

The Honorable John F. Cruikshank, Jr. Spirit Award: Victor Vang, SECA, Stockton Unified  
First Place, journalism: Palwasha Khan, Mountain House High School, Lammersville Unified School District  
First Place, courtroom artist: Jiwoo Kim, Mountain House High, Lammersville Unified

This event is co-sponsored by the San Joaquin County Bar Association and the San Joaquin County Office of Education in cooperation with the Constitutional Rights Foundation. The event would not have been possible without the assistance of the judges and attorneys who took time out of their schedules.

Eleven county high schools participated: ABLE Charter High School, Lincoln High School, Merrill F. West High School, Mountain House High School, Pacific Law Academy, Ronald E. McNair High School, Stockton Collegiate International Secondary School, Stockton Early College Academy, Tokay High School, Tracy High School, and Venture Academy Family of Schools.

**Case:** *People v. Awbrey* is an imaginary trial of Cameron Awbrey, a restaurant owner, who is being charged with human trafficking and false imprisonment of Lin Stark, an immigrant from the fictitious country of Tanterra.



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