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018-029: San Joaquin County 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 2018 San Joaquin County Mock Trial Competition. Of the teams from 13 high schools that began the competition, only four teams vied for the championship on Feb. 24, when the final two rounds took place at the San Joaquin County Courthouse in Stockton. An awards ceremony followed at the Stockton Federal Building. As the winning team, Venture Academy will compete in the state competition on March 16-18 in Orange County.

**Results:** First Place: Venture Academy Family of Schools, SJCOE  
Second Place: Mountain House High School, Lammersville Unified  
Third Place: Stockton Early College Academy (SECA), Stockton Unified  
Fourth Place: Tracy High School, Tracy Unified

The Honorable John F. Cruikshank, Jr. Spirit Award: Chloe Porath, ABLE Charter High School, New Jerusalem Elementary  
First Place, courtroom artist: Michelle Hoang, West High School, Tracy 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.

Twelve San Joaquin County high schools participated: ABLE Charter High School, Langston Hughes Academy, Lincoln High School, Merlo Institute of Environmental Technology, Merrill F. West High School, Mountain House High School, Pacific Law Academy, Ronald E. McNair High School, Stockton Early College Academy, Tokay High School, Tracy High School, and Venture Academy Family of Schools. Summerville Union High School from Tuolumne County also competed.

**Case:** *People v. Davidson* is the trial of Casey Davidson, a resident of the town of Acorn, Calif. Davidson faces a felony count of first-degree murder for the death of Alex Thompson, another young resident of Acorn and member of Ultra Nats, an extremist nationalist group.

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