Mock Trial Committee Annual Report – 2021 Nicole Ippolito

Last year we were forced to make many adjustments to practicing and participating in the mock trial competition as it all had to be done via Zoom. The difficulty of this adjustment resulted in a year in which we did not go as far as we had in previous years.

This year we have been able to return to practicing in person, but the competition will be done entirely by Zoom. Thankfully, we are all more proficient with Zoom and we will be able to attend the competition as a group at the school rather than separately from our homes.

In 2021 the team was able to attend the Harvard Mock Trial High School Seminar Program with a group that attended in person and a group that attended via Zoom from one of the McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall conference rooms. Attending this seminar/training was made possible with assistance from the LLAF in that amount of \$3,300.00. Susan Earl, the students, and I truly appreciate the support from the LLAF and the LLA especially in these times where fund raising is not as easy due to COVID precautions. Susan and I would also urge any of you with connections to other school districts in the area to try and get those schools interested in starting a Mock Trial program. Susan and I would be happy to help in getting the program going, so please feel free to contact me with any questions.