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**Union County Mock Trial Competition Winner Announced**

ELIZABETH - Cranford High School has won the 2010-2011 Union County mock trial competition. They will advance to the central regional competition on Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick.

The Superior Court of New Jersey, Union Vicinage, hosted the final round of the competition at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth on Feb. 8. Appellate Judge Marianne Espinosa and Superior Court Judge William A. Daniel presided over the mock trial.

Cranford, which lost in the county final last year, narrowly defeated Kent Place School in the final. The competition, which began on Jan. 31, involved 10 Union County schools.

The four regional winners will compete in the state semifinals on March 22. Those winners will move on to the state finals on March 24 at the Law Center. The national championship will be held in Phoenix on May 5-8.

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation, in cooperation with county bar associations, sponsors the Vincent J. Appuzzese Mock Trial Competition each year to stimulate and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the American legal system. Local high school students take on the roles of attorneys, witnesses and jurors as they compete against each other.

"The Superior Court judges and attorneys who preside over the mock trials continue to be impressed with the high level of preparation, poise and enthusiasm shown by the students," said Union County Mock Trial Coordinator Andrew Gibbs. "The judges and lawyers in Union County are proud to lend their time and experience to such a worthy and rewarding program."

Union County Superior Court Judges James Hely and Robert J. Mega presided over the semifinal trials and more than 40 attorneys volunteered their time to coordinate, coach and judge the competition.

The Union County competition was sponsored by state bar foundation and the Union County Bar Association.

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