



Johnson-Brock Mock Trial Wins District, Advances to State Dec. 10-11 at Lincoln

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“Objection Your Honor, foundation,” senior Amzie Dunekacke said to Judge Daniel Bryan. On Tuesday, Nov. 12, Johnson-Brock’s mock trial team took HTRS to court in Auburn to determine the District winner who would advance to state. Johnson-Brock filled the role of defense, HTRS was the prosecutor. The three judges’ scoring sheets showed a tight competition: Johnson-Brock 94-81-102 and HTRS 96-78-93.

Johnson-Brock arrived at the courthouse with their three witnesses and attorneys. The attorneys were Julia Oestmann, Amzie Dunekacke and Nicole Carbajal, while Micah Spruth-Janssen, Shawna Newman and Sarah Wright were the witnesses. Johnson-Brock’s team left early enough to do their pre-trial ritual where they huddle up and share words of inspiration before they head to court.

Johnson-Brock’s third win made them District champions. The State championship will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 10-11 in Lincoln. The team’s three real lawyer coaches Steve Mercure, Jessica Meyer and Erin Ebeler continue to prep the students for the competition ahead although sometimes they have real court cases that take priority.

Lori Broady, Johnson-Brock’s mock

trial instructor, has taken a team to State before and is prepared for the challenges it will present. She enjoys “everything” about mock trial. Finding time to practice outside of their first period Government class

is a challenge, but the team is eager to make that commitment. State promises to be an electric atmosphere with strong competition that will require rapid-fire responses and quick thinking.



THE DISTRICT champion Johnson-Brock High School mock trial team is headed to state competition in December at Lincoln. Front row, from left, are Shawna Newman, Sarah Wright, Julia Oestmann and Amzie Dunekacke. Back row, from left, are attorney Coaches Jessica Meyer and Erin Ebeler; Micah Spruth Janssen, Brody Neufeld, Nicole Carbajal and teacher Coach Lori Broady. Not pictured are Ashlyn Teten and attorney Coach Steve Mercure.

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