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KINGSTREE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS EARN HONORS AT SOUTH CAROLINA BAR MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Williamsburg County School District is proud to announce that students from Kingstree High School earned multiple awards at the High School Mock Trial Conway Regional Competition 2026, organized by the South Carolina Bar Association. The Mock Trial competition provides students with an opportunity to develop critical thinking, public speaking, teamwork, and civic engagement skills through simulated courtroom experiences.

Under the leadership of Team Advisors Teneica Barnaby and Laura Gary, Kingstree High School scholars demonstrated exceptional performance across all rounds of competition, earning recognition from both opposing teams and competition judges.

Competition Awards

Round One – Awarded by Opponents

- Most Effective Attorney – Jaylia Whitfield
- Most Effective Witness – Akshith Vipin

Round Two – Awarded by Opponents

- Most Effective Attorney – Jerimiah Pendergrass
- Most Effective Witness – Antonio Singletary

Round Three – Awarded by Opponents

- Most Effective Attorney – Jaylia Whitfield
- Most Effective Witness – Akshith Vipin

Overall Awards – Awarded by Scoring Judges (Kingstree High School)

- Most Effective Attorney – Jaylia Whitfield
- Most Effective Witness – Akshith Vipin

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Principal Mark Fraiser, Kingstree High School, stated:

"We are extremely proud of our students and their outstanding performance at the Mock Trial Regional Competition. These students represented Kingstree High School and Williamsburg County School District with excellence, professionalism, and confidence. Their hard work, preparation, and teamwork truly paid off, and we celebrate their accomplishments."

Angela McClary-Fred, WCSD Secondary Literacy Coordinator, stated:

"The Mock Trial competition is an excellent opportunity for students to apply reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills in a real-world setting. We are very proud of our Kingstree High School scholars for their performance and recognition at the regional competition. Their success demonstrates the importance of literacy, communication skills, and civic understanding in preparing students for college, careers, and leadership."

Williamsburg County School District congratulates all participating students, advisors, and supporters who contributed to this outstanding achievement. The district remains committed to providing opportunities that develop leadership, literacy, and civic engagement among all scholars.

Congratulations to the Kingstree High School Mock Trial Team for representing Williamsburg County School District with excellence!

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