



**We the People**  
THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

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### **TEN HIGH SCHOOLS ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND OF NATIONAL COMPETITION ON CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS**

**Washington** — Schools from Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Oregon, and Virginia are advancing to the championship round of the 2017 We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution National Finals today, Monday, April 24. Ten classes will vie for first place in the academic competition, where students demonstrate their constitutional knowledge during simulated congressional hearings. The championship round will take place in congressional hearing rooms on Capitol Hill. The competition schedule is provided below.

Nearly 1,300 high school students from 42 states have gathered in Washington, D.C., to participate in the 30th Annual We the People National Finals, administered by the Center for Civic Education. The initial field of 56 classes has been reduced to 10 finalists based on the combined scores of each class over the past two days of intense examination of their constitutional knowledge. In the competition, students demonstrate their knowledge of constitutional issues before simulated congressional committees composed of constitutional scholars, lawyers, historians and public officials. Students complete a comprehensive course of study on the Constitution to qualify for the competition.

More information about the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program and the National Finals is available at <http://www.civiced.org/programs/wtp> and <http://www.civiced.org/national-finals-2017>.

#### **COMPETING FINALISTS**

##### **Competing 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

<b>School</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Room &amp; Building</b>
Grant High School	Oregon	2167 Rayburn

Amador Valley High School	California	2200 Rayburn
Cathedral High School	Indiana	2203 Rayburn
East Grand Rapids High School	Michigan	2237 Rayburn
Vestavia Hills High School	Alabama	122 Cannon

**Competing 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

<b>School</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Room &amp; Building</b>
Denver East High School	Colorado	2167 Rayburn
Douglas S Freeman High School*	Virginia	2200 Rayburn
Plainfield High School*	Indiana	2203 Rayburn
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies	Virginia	2237 Rayburn
Maine South High School	Illinois	2322 Rayburn

\*Denotes Wild Card Team

**FINAL ROUND OF COMPETITION ON CAPITOL HILL**

Open for news coverage. To avoid disruption of the hearings and facilitate news coverage please contact Robert Leming at 805-890-4059 or Mark Molli at 818-912-7695 prior to entering a hearing room.

**THE AWARDS CEREMONY**

April 24, 8:30 P.M. EDT

National Conference Center, Leesburg, Virginia

Announcement of winners at 9:30 p.m. EDT