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Brookfield Central wins Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Championship

March 10, 2026 — Madison, Wis. — Brookfield Central High School won the 2026 Wisconsin High School Mock Trial State Championship on March 8, besting Madison West High School in the final round.

More than 100 teams from across Wisconsin competed in this year's tournament, beginning with 10 regional competitions and advancing to a 20-team semifinal round.

Brookfield Central High School, located in Brookfield, about 15 miles west of Milwaukee, will now represent Wisconsin at the National High School Mock Trial Championship, scheduled for May in Des Moines, Iowa.

Team members include **Rageshri Barad, Lucia Brewer, Wyatt Brom, Julia Christian, Tess Pierce, and Josie Seiler**. The team was coached by teachers **Jon Vogt and Kate Kotajarv**, along with attorney coaches **Morgan Risseuw of Grieve Law/Divergent Family Law in Brookfield** and **Adam Schleis of Gimbel Reilly Guerin & Brown LLP in Milwaukee**.



Members of the Brookfield Central High School mock trial team celebrate after winning the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial State Championship on March 8 at the Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison. The team will represent Wisconsin at the national tournament May 7–9 in Des Moines, Iowa

"It is impossible to put into words the dedication, effort and commitment the students had this season," Vogt said. "They not only used their intellect and personality to build their case, but poured

their hearts into it as well. To be highly successful in mock trial takes countless hours on weekends, evenings and early mornings.”

Vogt said the team worked together to develop both plaintiff and defense arguments while continually refining their strategy throughout the season.

“For some, this journey began in sixth grade, and for everyone it was a season that started voluntarily in August,” he said. “They never turned down an optional practice, worked hard at team practices, and regularly worked on their own. Seeing their sacrifice for all those months and years rewarded with a state championship is one of the highest honors of my career.”

The Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Program, founded in 1983, gives students the opportunity to learn about the legal system through simulated courtroom trials. Students prepare legal arguments, examine witnesses and present their cases before volunteer judges and attorneys.

The program is funded through a grant from the Wisconsin Law Foundation, the charitable arm of the State Bar of Wisconsin, supporting law-related education and public service programs statewide.

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