

## DP Mock takes 4th at Empire World Invitational

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DP Mock Trial had a great weekend in NY at the prestigious Empire Mock Trial World Invitational, earning 4th place in the 40-team tournament–coming up just a 1/2 of a single ballot from the championship round.



On Saturday, DP defeated the state champion from Minnesota in the first round (3-0), and defeated the state champion from New Hampshire in the second round 3-0. Sunday morning DP had one of its best performances of the tournament winning one scorer's ballot by 18 and another by 12 (which, in mock trial, are large margins). The third scorer gave the win to the other team by 1 single point which meant that even though we won the trial 2-1, we failed to capture the third ballot. That proved critical, because though DP advanced to the semifinal round vs Ohio, in that trial the Chargers ended up with a tie score on two ballots, and a loss on the other.

Still, DP finished 4th against some of the best competition in the nation/world. For the second year in a row, Madeline Matthys was named one of the tournament's best attorneys and Camille Wyss won best witness for her portrayal of the police officer. DP had the opportunity to compete in the beautiful Federal Courthouse in NY where they hold some of country's biggest federal trials (terrorism, mafia, etc.). Gorgeous building, gorgeous courtrooms.

