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## **BORDENTOWN REGIONAL AND MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOLS WIN MOCK TRIAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES**

Bordentown Regional High School of Burlington County and Montclair High School of Essex County have been named co-champions, first place, of the 2019-2020 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition.

The teams earned the right to advance to the state finals on March 19, having won county and regional titles as well as semi-final matches. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that event has been cancelled. As a result, both teams will share this season's state title.

Since January more than 200 high school teams throughout New Jersey have tried the fictitious case of the *State of New Jersey v. Charlie Quinn*, which deals with the killing of a police dog in the line of duty.

The Bordentown Regional team was coached by teacher John Tobias and attorney Bill Simmons. Student team members included Kayla Downing, Suhas Kanamarlapudi, Jessica Martin, Olivia McGlone, George Mousa, Anush Nandyala, Maranatha Paul, Summer Roberts, Keeler Robinson, Brett Schreiner and Sanya Varma.

Teacher Sean Coogan and attorneys Stuart Rubin and Laurie Korenbaum coached the Montclair team. The following students served on that team: Dominik Bondy, Nicole Clement, Alisha Davis, Noah Fishman, Eilat Herman, Palmer Holland, Liam Kearns, Clara Mendoza, Natalie Parisi, Zachary Rich, Jack Rodriguez-Vars, Mia Rodriguez-Vars, Juniper Shelley, Samantha Stulbaum and Gabe Weintraub.

Eastern Regional High School of Camden County placed third in the March 3 semi-finals. Teacher Kevin Farrow and attorney Nathan Mammarella coached the Eastern Regional team. Student team members were Anna DeMasi, Bryce Dersham, Michael DiPascale, Cameron Gerace, Aarav Jain, Anika Kapoor, Hannah Kates, Maiya Little, Siya Nayyar, Marissa Nissley, Avi Patel and Sandford Zeng.

The Vincent J. Apruzzese Mock Trial Competition is sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation in cooperation with the New Jersey State Bar Association and New Jersey's county bar associations. This season marks the competition's 38th year of service to the educational community in New Jersey. For more information about the competition, visit [njsbf.org](http://njsbf.org).

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