Students at Cabrini High School get lesson in government from special guest

Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Justice Max Tobias lectures Cabrini’s AP United States Government and Politics class, (from l-r): Morgan Hill (New Orleans), Jasmine Williams (New Orleans), Halie St. Clair (New Orleans), Judge Tobias, Max Yuritch (Slidell), Caitlyn Gomez (New Orleans), Samantha Dubuisson (Metairie), Morganne Lerch (Kenner); (bottom l-r): Thea Marie Dising (Chalmette), Alexis Hepting (Marrero), Ashlyn Murray (Belle Chasse), Heather Cochran (Metairie), Phong Vu (New Orleans).

Cabrini High School’s Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics class hosted Judge Max Tobias for a lecture on the Constitution and United States government as part of Lawyers/Judges in the Classroom program.

Taking part in a program created by the Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education, Cabrini had the distinct pleasure of entertaining Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal Justice Max N. Tobias, Jr. Judge Tobias spoke on a number of topics, including the judicial process of both state and federal courts, the effect of political party affiliation as a factor in judicial elections, and recent influential United States Supreme Court decisions Miranda v. Arizona decision, Gideon v. Wainwright decision, and the case he described as the most important of the last two centuries, Baker v. Carr, the landmark case that declared “one person, one vote” and led to all fifty states redistricting in the ’60s.

Judge Tobias was also asked about Louisiana’s Napoleonic code as it relates to the common law of the other forty-nine states. The Judge opined that the differences were disappearing as Louisiana law was adopting many of the provisions of common law and common law was becoming more codified, like Louisiana’s system.

The class was familiar with many of the cases and issues discussed by Judge Tobias and were simultaneously enthusiastic and enthralled during his lecture.

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