



Haynes Academy Team Wins “We the People” State Finals

The team from Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies, led by teacher Chris Totaro, won the state “We the People: Citizens and the Constitution” (WTP) competition and will represent Louisiana at the national simulated congressional hearing competition in Washington, D.C. WTP is a nationally recognized civics curriculum, with the national competition hosted by the Center for Civic Education.

Four Louisiana teams qualified to compete at the Jan. 27 state competition in Baton Rouge. Competing were teams from Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies, Central Private School, Glenbrook School and John Ehret High School. Teachers Chris Totaro, Alicia Ferguson, George Allan and Matthew Edwards are to be commended on the outstanding performances of their teams.

Judging the state competition were judges, attorneys, school superintendents and educators from across the state, including Hon. Pamela Taylor-Johnson; School Superintendents David Clayton, David Corona and Darryl Kilbert; Louisiana WTP alumni representative Tyler Barker; and Jared Brooks, Belinda



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Cambre, Nahum Laventhal, Philip Lundy, Bryce Menge, Ben Miller, John North, David Peterson, DeVonna Ponthieu, Charles Regnard, Mary Jo Roberts, Shirley Snyder and Hana Wigginton.

Guests and participants on hand for the event were Louisiana Rep. Pat Smith, WTP District Coordinators Jamie Staub

and Michelle Molina, Glenbrook School Assistant Headmaster for Curriculum Naomi Coyle, John Ehret Principal Maria Landry, Jefferson Parish Social Studies Consultant Carl Dermady and Project Citizen State Coordinator John Alexander.



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