

## Mock Trial A Team advances to Nationals

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The Wheaton College Mock Trial A Team has advanced to Nationals, which will take place from April 11-13 in Orlando, Florida. The team came in fourth place at the Opening Round Championship Series Competition (ORCS), which took place on March 14-16. Wheaton's B Team did not make it to Nationals, but ended with a 4-4 record.

B Team member sophomore Anne Davidson said that, although the outcome of ORCS was "heartbreaking," she was proud of the way that the B Team performed throughout the season.

"After the awards ceremony, there were quite a few tears from everyone on the team," Davidson said. "While we were crying, our coach pulled us aside and

told us she was so proud of our team. We raised the standard of Wheaton Mock Trial as a program and I will remember this season fondly not for what we didn't do, but for the amazing things we did, together."

Sophomore Kelly Farley, who is the vice president for Team A, said that she was also proud of the A team's performance

"Even before the results were announced, I felt extremely proud of how we had performed that weekend," Farley said. "We all worked very hard in preparation for ORCS and really came together as a unified team in the process. When our team number was announced for fourth place, we were thrilled that our work had paid off and that we would have the opportunity to compete at the national level again this year."

Farley said that the A Team is increasing their practice time, working on their characters and approaches in order to face off with many talented Mock Trial teams from across the country.

"We've been focused on sev-

eral key goals — both individually oriented and team oriented — and so most of our preparation pertains to reaching those," Farley said. "Specifically, we've increased our number of weekly practices, fine tuned our witness characters and redefined what's expected of our attorneys so that nothing will faze us against some of the nation's smartest and most impressive teams."

Last year, Wheaton's Mock Trial team came in ninth place at Nationals. Next week, Wheaton Mock Trial's A Team will compete once again against 47 other teams for a chance to win a national title.

## Wheaton hosts conference on Christianity and literature

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