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EWU MOCK TRIAL TEAM TAKES 5TH!

EWU team 628 placed 5th out of 22 teams at the AMTA Regional competition in Portland February 9-11, 2007, and qualified for an elite national tournament at Northwestern University, March 16-18. EWU Mock Trial team 628 finished with 6 wins and 2 losses, beating Reed college on two ballots, Stanford on one ballot, Gonzaga on one ballot, and Washington State on two ballots. Out of a field of over one hundred mock trial participants Corey Osborn, closing attorney on team 628, won the overall best attorney award with the highest score in the plaintiff and defense category- an amazing and rare accomplishment! EWU team 629 team member Jardea Kane won the overall best witness award at the competition - another outstanding accomplishment! And EWU team 630 member Ean Koenig-Price won an outstanding witness award - a great performance!

Team 628 (pictured here) with the well deserved 5th place trophy - Corey Osborn, John Julian, Rhianna Witmer, Rebekah McIntire, Doug Salisbury, Matthew Mensik, and Tyler Hazen (not present)
Pictured here is "Outstanding Attorney" Corey Osborn(middle), "Outstanding Witness" Jardea Kane (right) and "Outstanding Witness" Ian Koenig-Price(left).

The Regional in Portland is one of the most competitive in the country, with the University of Arizona, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga, University of Portland, Reed College, Stanford, University of California- Berkeley, and Washington State University all fielding teams.

Berkeley team 662 finished first at 8-0, Stanford team 821 second 7-1, Berkeley 663 third 7-1, Gonzaga team 614 fourth 6-2, EWU team 628 fifth 6-2, Stanford team 820 sixth 5-3, and WSU team 742 seventh at 5-3. Eastern did well in a field of tough competition from great programs. Mock trial has become increasingly competitive each year, and the number of bids to the national tournament from the Portland region actually went down.

Qualifying for nationals is a tremendous achievement and I and Coach Noel Pitner and Coach Gabrielle Roth-Pitner are proud of all of the team's achievements.

EWU teams 628 consists of Corey Osborn, John Julian, Rhianna Witmer, Rebekah McIntire, Doug Salisbury, Matthew Mensik, and Tyler Hazen (who couldn't make the trip- which makes team 628's success all the more amazing and meaningful). EWU Team 629 consists of Rachel Majka, Kate Hennes, Matthew Olson, Steven DeWhitt, Jardea Kane, James Holschen, Erin Brewer, and Annie Paulus. EWU team 630 consists of Mike Bradley, Kelsey Berven, Thyra Smith, Bryanna Drescher, Ean Koenig-Price, Ashley Prichard, Sarah Ross, and Steve Bergman. Teams 629 and 630 finished well and importantly helped team 628 with many scrimmages prior to regionals. All EWU mock trial team members share in the success of team 628.