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Connecticut Kids Court Final Competition 2022

Tanya A. Hughes, Executive Director
Attorney Cheryl A. Sharp, Deputy Director

Teams
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Welcome to the 2022 Connecticut
Kids Court Final Competition

Moderators

Attorney Cheryl A. Sharp

Attorney Michelle Dumas Keuler

2022 Middle School Finalists

Suma Ganta, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington CT

Zeeva Haviland, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington CT

Olivia Dixon, Norton Elementary School, Cheshire CT

Aditi Bhor, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington CT

Kriti Jaldurgam, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington CT

2022 High School Finalists

Neha Jampala, Deerfield Academy, Deerfield MA

Sreenidi Bala, Farmington High School, Farmington CT

Nicholas Gius, Southington High School, Southington CT

Jah'Nyah Maddox-Williams, New London High School, New London CT

Judging the Kids Court Competition:

The Honorable Juliett L. Crawford

Judge Trial Referee

The Honorable Dawne Westbrook

Connecticut Superior Court Judge

The Honorable Donna M. Wilkerson Brilliant

Connecticut Superior Court Judge

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HISTORY OF KIDS COURT

In 1993, then UCONN law school students, Cheryl A. Sharp and Rae Thiesfield developed and launched the first Kids Court Competition at UCONN Law School to educate students about diversity and civil and human rights issues. In 1996, after receiving approval from the Governor's Office, Attorneys Sharp and Thiesfield co-chaired the first statewide Kids Court Competition which kicked off with Kids Speak. Kids Speak is a day for students from across the state to come together and discuss topics related to civil and human rights. In 2000, CT Kids Speak and Kids Court was selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as one of the best practice award winners, and received the "**Simply the Best**" award. Following a brief hiatus, Kids Court resumed in 2011. Kids Court has been featured on **Fox 61 News** and in local papers throughout CT.

Tonight we are honored to continue the Kids Court Competition hoping to inspire the next generation of civil rights leaders. "...Make a career of humanity. Commit [ourselves] to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater Nation of your country, and a finer world to live in." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (address at the Youth March for Integrated Schools, April 18, 1959, Washington, D.C.)

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