

## Glenwood takes 3rd at national **mock** trials

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Refreshed by the sun but fatigued from travel and competition, the Glenwood Springs High School **mock** trial team is home after placing third in the national championships May 5-7 in Phoenix.

The Glenwood team defeated schools from Louisiana, California, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin en route to placing third out of 48 teams at the National High School **Mock** Trial Championship.

A team from Indiana won the national title.

"I'm very proud of them," coach Charlie Willman said. "Third for a national competition is awesome."

Willman went on to say that he and the students were still disappointed they didn't win the whole thing.

Since mid-August, members of this year's top **mock** trial team have practiced in preparation for various tournaments that ultimately led to placing third at the national championships.

**Mock** trial is, as the name suggests, a high school activity in which students play the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a **trial**.

Whether it encourages the next breed of Glenwood Springs lawyers remains to be seen, but the **mock** trial does teach students critical thinking skills, how to think on their feet and how to speak in a public forum, Willman said.

Members of Glenwood's team were seniors Alex Pototsky, Christian Bergren-Aragon, Isabel Carlson, Joseph Ciborowski and Hope Whitman, and sophomores Erica Arensman, Grace Gamba and Eileen Klomhaus. Sophomore Isaac Carlson was the timer.

Pototsky was given a Best Witness award, and Bergren-Aragon was given a Best Attorney award. Only 10 awards were handed out in each category among 384 students competing.

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STUDENTS FROM GLENWOOD SPRINGS High School took third place out of 48 teams earlier this month at the National High School **Mock** Trial Championship in Phoenix. Charlie Willman was their coach.

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