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Monta Vista vs. Willow Glen in Mock Trial Championship

SAN JOSE, CA –The Santa Clara County High School Mock Trial Tournament will conclude on Thursday, Feb. 28, when the two undefeated teams—Willow Glen and Monta Vista High Schools—face each other in a case revolving around a fictional hit-and-run incident. This is the first time for both Monta Vista and Willow Glen in the county Mock Trial championship. The event will take place at 6 p.m. at the Historic Old Courthouse, 61 N 1st Street, San Jose, in the Ceremonial Courtroom.

The Mock Trial Tournament has featured more than 400 students from 20 high schools, competing at the Santa Clara County Courthouse on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in February.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education, the Santa Clara County Bar Association and the Santa Clara County Courts co-host the tournament, with over 45 state court judges and 150 attorneys volunteering. The event is sponsored by the law offices of Rossi, Hamerslough, Reischl & Chuck (cq) and AccessData Group.

A mock trial team is made up of a prosecution team and a defense team, numbering up to nine students. Sitting judges preside and practicing lawyers serve as scoring jurors. The winner of each county tournament competes at the state tournament.

In this year's case, the child of the mayor of a fictional California city is charged with felony hit-and-run. The prosecution contends that defendant ran a stop while texting, struck and permanently injured a bicyclist and then fled the scene. The defense contends that another occupant in the vehicle was actually driving when the accident occurred and that neither realized they had struck a bicyclist.

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