



Special thanks to the students from
Stillwater High School for serving as timers for the
2002 Showcase.

We congratulate Stillwater High school, winner of the 2001
We the People...THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION State Hearings.

Representing Minnesota in the National *We the People...* competition, the team of Stillwater High School traveled to Washington, D.C. in April 2001 to compete against other high school finalists from throughout the nation.

"My students had a great time! For many of them it was the highlight of their year. Tough competition, hard work, a great learning experience and lots of fun! To be in DC and see all the places we had talked about was great. Meeting Senator Wellstone and having him spend so much time with us was incredible! Actually seeing a case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court was amazing."

Kathleen Ferguson, Instructor, Stillwater High School

The 2002 First Place team will again have the opportunity to compete against high school teams from across the country at the national finals. More than 1200 students and teachers participate annually in this event. The national finals will be on May 4-6, 2002 in Washington DC.

GRACIOUS HOSTS

Our thanks to the Minnesota State Court System for once again hosting the *We the People...* State Hearings Showcase. We are grateful for the use of this beautiful building.



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We the People...

THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION



2002 MINNESOTA STATE HEARINGS SHOWCASE

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Minnesota Judicial Center
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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We the People... THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION is a national educational program aimed at developing civic competence and responsibility among our nation's young people. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, it is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by an Act of Congress and was established in 1987 under the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. Studies of the We the People program have shown that students develop greater commitment to democratic principles and values and a deeper understanding of the U.S. Constitution.

Schools participating in the *We the People* program in Minnesota can come to the State Showcase in a variety of ways: **Constitutional Scholars.** The students are divided into 6 teams answering questions from one of the six units. One of the Constitutional Scholar schools will represent Minnesota at the National Finals in Washington, D.C., May 4-6, 2002. **Constitutional Fellows:** The students have studied most, but not all of the *We the People* materials and answer questions from units they choose (more than one but less than six units). **Constitutional Observers:** Students who have studied the U.S. Constitution and choose to learn more by listening to other students as they answer questions. Coming as a Constitutional Observer also allows students and teachers a chance to see a simulated hearing "up close and personal" before trying it on their own.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

Team Rooms Capitol Hill - G40 Duluth Central - 220 Nicollet Junior - Auditorium Stillwater - G04		Unit 1 What are the Philosophical and Historical Foundations of the American Political System?	Unit 2 How Did the Framers Create the Constitution?	Unit 3 How Did the Values and Principles Embodied in the Constitution Shape American Institutions and Practices?	Unit 4 How Have the Protections of the Bill of Rights Been Developed and Expanded?	Unit 5 What Rights Does the Bill of Rights Protect?	Unit 6 What Are the Roles of the Citizen in American Democracy?
Team	Time	Room G31	Room 230	Room 225	Courtroom 100	Courtroom 200	Courtroom 300
District 4 Capitol Hill	9:50 - 10:10	✘		✘	✘		
Capitol Hill	10:10 - 10:30	✘		✘	✘		
District 6 Stillwater	10:30 - 10:50	✘		✘	✘	✘	✘
District 3 Nicollet Junior	10:50 - 11:10	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
District 8 Duluth Central	11:10 - 11:30	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
✘ = Hearings taking place							
11:45 Awards Ceremony - Courtroom 300 Guest Speaker: The Honorable Joan Ericksen Lancaster, Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court							

2002 MINNESOTA SHOWCASE TEAMS

Capitol Hill Magnet School

Ann Oyen, Instructor

Duluth Central High School

Ethan Fisher, Instructor

Nicollet Junior High School

Mariel Wolter, Instructor

Stillwater High School

Kathleen Ferguson, Instructor



Thank you to all the judges in today's Showcase. We appreciate their generous donation of time and talent to this event.

- ◆ Joan Beaver
- ◆ Dr. JoAnne Buggy
- ◆ John Branstrom
- ◆ Edward Cleary
- ◆ Jeanne Cooney
- ◆ Darrell Erickson
- ◆ David Garfield
- ◆ Gail Huschle
- ◆ Emily John
- ◆ Don Johnson
- ◆ Victoria Newcome Johnson
- ◆ Deb Noll
- ◆ David Pace
- ◆ Mitchell Rothman
- ◆ Bruce Robb
- ◆ Mary Robison
- ◆ Charles Skemp
- ◆ Rick Theisen