

# EASTHAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### PRESS RELEASE:

The Easthampton Public Schools is proud to announce that the 2020 “We the People” National Championship Competition winner – announced last night, is Easthampton High School!

The We the People competition takes the form of a simulated congressional hearing in which students testify before a panel of judges on different aspects of the Constitution. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues.

After winning their state competition in January, the Easthampton High School We the People team was slated to attend the National Finals in Washington DC. Due to the current crisis, the competition was moved to a virtual platform.

Advisor and Easthampton High School teacher Kelley Brown sang the praises of her team this morning: “Our team was outstanding! .... They never gave up.”

When school closed in March, it was unclear how the “We the People” national competition would move forward. However, students continued to persevere - they practiced, studied, took feedback, integrated it and kept fighting.

Over this past weekend, these talented students out-performed powerhouse schools with thousands of students and many more resources.

All the while, it is important to note that several of the team members have been volunteering and working in nursing homes and pharmacies throughout this school closure, as well as keeping up with all their other classes.

We would like to congratulate the following students on their accomplishment: Miles Ellsworth, Chelsea Indyk, Josh Dameworth, Cylie Kirejczyk, Sadie Bromberg, Emmalee Connly, Ally Gardner, Amelia Wilson, Ellie Chappuis, Alice Wanamaker, Meagan Gravel, Mackenzie Bates, Lucia Rea, Liam Burke, Jonah Slahekke, Anouar Zabir, Gabby Benoit, Gabe Colenback, Zak Oulbeid, Grace Kane, Sam Pappadellis, mentor: Hanna Wauczinski.