



A Change In Leadership: Honoring James Schmidt

After fifteen years, our wonderful leader, Executive Director James Schmidt, is stepping down. Although he is not leaving us entirely, he will no longer be serving as Executive Director of the CCLCE.

Jim began his career as a social studies teacher and went on to be administrative assistant, assistant principal, school business manager, middle school principal and Superintendent of Schools for Regional School District 10 in Burlington. He also spent time as a part-time lecturer at Northwestern Connecticut Community College, the University of Connecticut, and the Litchfield County Center for Higher Education. Retiring from public schools in 1993, Jim was hired as Executive Director of the CCLCE.

Over the past fifteen years, Jim has taken a financially struggling non-profit and stabilized it financially while expanding the scope of the Consortium. Jim was instrumental in expanding programs developed by the Cen-

ter for Civic Education such as *We The People*, *Project Citizen* and most recently *Civitas*. He initiated field tests of both *Project Citizen* and *Representative Democracy in America* prior to their expansion nationwide.

He also successfully worked to expand the CCLCE High School Mock Trial and Middle School Debate competitions, as well as, to create the High School Debate and Middle School Mock Trial competitions.

For the past three years, Jim has worked to promote civic education in Chile through a partnership sponsored by the Center's international *Civitas* program. As a result, materials have been developed in both English and Spanish.

In addition, he coordinated writing the *Play by the Rules* materials as they relate to Connecticut; these have become one of the most popular programs the Consortium offers.



On behalf of the CCLCE and all the teachers, students and volunteers who have been touched by Jim over the years, we would just like to say, "Thanks for your dedication to civic education and the students, your drive to improve the Consortium and its programs, and your enthusiasm for all that you have done in furtherance of the goals of the CCLCE." Personally, I'd like to say "Thanks for your guidance, direction and friendship. But for your grace, I know not where I would be now or in the future," Beth DeLuco, in-coming Executive Director

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2008-2009 Year At A Glance

Congratulations to all of our winners and State Champions this year!!! Congratulations to all program participants for making the choice for law-related education activities!!!



Strive for your personal best!!!

Good Citizenship Doesn't Just Happen. Law Related Education Makes it Happen. Hands-on learning improves student success.



Congratulations to all program participants for a valiant effort!!

- 2008 Constitution Day Contest:

K-3 Poster Contest: 1st place Brooke Tweedie, Long Meadow Elem.; 2nd place Jacob Goldstein, St. Rose School; 3rd place Taylor Davis, Jumoke Academy; 4th place Katrina Hon, Long Meadow Elem.

Elementary Essay Contest: 1st place Natalie Mack, Jumoke Academy; 2nd place Marques, Jumoke Academy; 3rd place Emma Dorman, St. Joseph; 4th place Christian Lombardi, Preston Veterans' Memorial School.

Middle School Essay Contest: 1st place Robert DeLuca, Bedford Middle School; 2nd place Alejandra Mesa, Bethel Middle School; 3rd place Xavier Sottile, Beecher Road School; 4th place Jeremy Sherman, Bedford Middle School.

High School Essay Contest: 1st place Calvin Baldwin, Fairfield Warde H.S.; 2nd place Andrew Thompson, Morgan School; 3rd place Sarah Schmidt, Lyme-Old Lyme H.S.; 4th place Emily Wyner, Danbury H.S.

- 2008 Great Connecticut High School Debate State Champion:

Northwestern Regional High School

- 2008-2009 High School We The People State Champion

Greenwich High School

- 2008 Middle School Mock Trial State Champion

Bethel Middle School

- 2009 President's Day Contest:

1st place: Liana Teixeira, West Haven High School

2nd place: Robert Goeller, Academy of Information, Technology & Engineering

3rd place: Chris Kremer, Academy of Information, Technology & Engineering

4th place: Ryan Smith, West Haven High School

- 2009 Middle School We The People State Champion

Hillcrest Middle School

- 2009 High School Mock Trial State Champion

Ridgefield High School

- 2009 Bob Boland Award for Outstanding Mocker

William Moreland– Ridgefield High School

- 2009 Young People's Debate State Champion

Henderson Home School

- 2009 Crime Scene Investigation Competition 1st Place at MCC

Cheshire High School

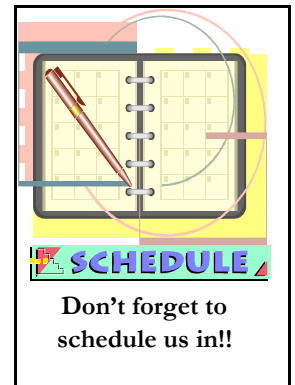
- 2009 Crime Scene Investigation Competition 1st Place at UNH

Ridgefield High School

Plan for Next Year to be a Civic Education Year!!

Our CCLCE programs not only provide civic education for students and teachers but also provide many opportunities for engaging activities designed to enhance student interest and success while enjoying a comprehensive, educational and fun activity. So if you aren't already involved in our programs or using our materials, now is the time to start. And if you are, there is always more to entice you and your students!!

- 2009 Middle School Mock Trial Case Materials released: September 1st
- 2009 High School Debate Competition Topic released: September 1st
- Constitution Day Contest: September 17th; Entries must be postmarked by October 1st.
- Look for election activities and lessons on-line September and October
- Cross-examination Debate training for students and coaches: October 1st ***New***
- Mock Trial **New Rules** Training: October 7th ***New***
- Annual Law Related Education Teacher Conference: October 20th
- High School We The People student training seminar: October 24th ***New***
- Great CT High School Debate Competition: October 27th
- Middle School Mock Trial Student Workshop: November 5th
- Great CT High School Debate Competition Finals: November 17th
- Middle School Mock Trial Regional Competitions: December 1-11 TBD
- High School We The People State Competition: December 17th
- Middle School Mock Trial Quarterfinals: January 14th
- Middle School Mock Trial Semi-finals and Finals: January 25th
- Middle School We The People student training seminar: February 6th ***New***
- High School Mock Trial Student Workshop: February 11th
- President's Day Contest Entries Postmarked by February 26th
- High School Mock Trial Regional Competitions: March 8-26 TBD
- High School Mock Trial Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Finals: April/May TBD
- Middle School We The People Showcase Hearings: April TBD
- Young People's Debate Competitions: April/May TBD
- High School Crime Scene Investigation Competitions TBD
- Project Citizen Showcase: TBD
- **The CCLCE is always available for in-service teacher trainings on *We The People*, *Project Citizen*, *Representative Democracy in America*, and *Play By The Rules*, as well as any of our competitions, or any legal topic. Seminars will be planned throughout the year. We also provide guest speakers and/or student workshops on various civic-related topics upon request. Contact the CCLCE for more information at cclce@mindspring.com.**



"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

-William Butler Yeats

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

-Malcolm Forbes



About the Mark R. Shedd Award

The Mark R. Shedd Award is given annually by the Connecticut Consortium for Law & Citizenship Education, Inc. to a teacher (K-12) who, in the opinion of the Directors, has made an outstanding contribution to law-related education in Connecticut during the preceding five or more years. The purpose of the award is to recognize imaginative and innovative ways, materials, and learning experiences developed by a teacher that have been uniquely effective and which will be a model for other teachers as they work with students.

The Consortium is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2009 Mark R. Shedd Award for Excellence in Teaching Law and Citizenship Education:

Brian Hendrickson

Brian has earned a BS in Business Administration from Fordham University, a Juris Doctor from Albany Law School and a Secondary Social Studies Certification from Southern Connecticut State University. He is currently enrolled in an administrative preparation program at the University of Connecticut.

Brian has been working in the Trumbull public school system since 2005 as a 6th grade social studies teacher and serving on the board of directors of the Trumbull Academic Challenge for Excellence Foundation, Inc. He is also a BEST trained mentor, an educational consultant for CPTV's Young American Heroes Project, and a member of a District Wide Curriculum Mapping Committee.

Brian has been heavily involved in CCLCE programs since 2006 as an Advisor for the Middle School We the People program, Mock Trial program, and Debate program. He has also been very instrumental in launching our first summer mock trial camp for July, 2009.

Brian's commitment to so many of our law-related education programs is greatly appreciated. The CCLCE is honored to present Brian Hendrickson with the Mark R. Shedd Award for 2009.

Teaching Current Events Brings Us To the Supreme Court: Nominations to the Supreme Court of the United States offer good "teachable moments."

With current changes in the Supreme Court, now is the time to review the nomination process, study the backgrounds of various Justices, analyze appointments by past presidents, and compare them to the nomination of President Obama. For lessons on the various aspects of the Supreme Court visit Street Law's Supreme Court page - <http://www.streetlaw.org/en/Topic.4.aspx>; Constitutional Rights Foundation's US Government page - <http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bill-of-rights-in-action-archives-u-s-government.html#courts>; and Center for Civic Education's US Government page - http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=links_usgvt. In addition, teachinghistory.org June newsletter has these available resources: "There are numerous resources for teaching about the Supreme Court and now is a great time to include them in your classroom teaching. Explore History News Network for information on the Supreme Court nominations, past and present, including a helpful Question and Answer section. Quickly access information on all Supreme Court cases past and present at Oyez. This Summer, Talk to the Justice. Our Courts: 21st Century Civics, based on the vision of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, is an interactive, web-based resource designed to teach students civics and inspire them to be active participants in our democracy. Students can also leave a message or question for Justice O'Connor. The Build a Curriculum section provides six foundational lesson plans. In addition, the website includes a Play Games section that will soon feature a reality game where students will advise fictional kids about their rights under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

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The Connecticut Consortium for Law and Citizenship Education, Inc. is a private, non-profit association that promotes and conducts law-related education programs and projects in Connecticut's public and private schools, courtrooms and communities. Its goal is the incorporation of citizenship education into the curriculum of all schools, from kindergarten through high school. Maintaining democracy is not an easy task; law-related education helps students learn to be effective, active, participating citizens who can sustain, preserve, and foster our free democratic society. Established in 1976, the Consortium is co-sponsored by the active participation of a number of private and public groups throughout the state.

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Team Sponsor	\$100	Anyone can sponsor a mock trial team for \$100 in lieu of the team fee.

Yes I would like to be a law-related education sponsor!!!!

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Type of sponsorship chosen _____ @ \$ _____

Please send payment to: CCLCE, Inc.

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