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FROM THE PRESIDENT GREETINGS AND THANKS FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR

I am both honored and incredibly excited to be writing to you as Virginia Mock Trial's new president. I hope this newsletter reaches you well and that you enjoy the articles and photos we've included illustrating the success (and fun) we've had over this past year.

We are sad but proud to announce the graduation of three of our program members: Chas DeVeas, Ben Wallace and Reedy Swanson. They have been invaluable mentors, leaders and competitors, and we will truly miss all of them.

This past year marked our 15th year of competition since the program's creation. Last year, more than 600 teams competed in intercollegiate mock trial. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of those who came before us, Virginia Mock Trial is one of two programs in the country to have two teams ranked in the top 25 in AMTA, a mark of program-wide strength. The Executive Board and I are already hard at work to make sure that UVa remains one of the best mock trial programs in the country and to make the 2012-13 season our most successful and rewarding yet. Going into next year I'd like to thank all of you for all of the encouragement and support you've shown us – our success wouldn't be possible without it.

Amanda Swanson
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2011-12: A YEAR IN REVIEW

VIRGINIA HAS YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR DOMINATING THE COMPETITION

We began this year by welcoming five new members into our program: Mary Kathryn Atkinson, Will Cadigan, Alex Harasty, Rich Ressler, and Jalen Ross, as well as a new assistant coach, former AMTA mock trial competitor Brian Mink. We also welcomed back program members Marcy Coburn, Greg Siegel, Kevin Richards and Ryan Faulconer as assistant coaches.

The program won two of its four fall tournaments, including our own Great American Mock Trial Invitational, and our success continued into the spring. The program placed first at the Univ. of Richmond's Spider Classic Invita-

tional and at AMTA-sponsored regional and super regional tournaments, earning a bid to the national championship tournament for the 9th consecutive year. At Nationals, the program tied for 5th place after hitting former national champions NYU and Northwood University.

This season brought individual success as well. Liam McCabe joined UVA's ranks of All-Americans, making him the fourth current program member to have earned the honor. All together, our program members earned 36 individual awards this season.



NEXT SEASON'S OUTLOOK

MORE TOURNAMENTS ON THE HORIZON AND AN UNDER-THE-SEA CIVIL CASE

The program is looking forward to next season and its civil case. The details won't be announced until August, but it promises to bring an exciting, underwater SCUBA-themed re-imagination of 2000-2001's Everest case.

But the case is just the beginning of next year's excitement, since VaMT will be hosting Nationals April 12-14! Hundreds of mockers and their groupies will descend upon downtown

DC for a tournament to set the bar for years to come. As a preview to that bonanza, the program will again be hosting GAMTI November 3-4 in DC, and we hope to continue its tradition of nationals-quality competition with a great field.

As always, if you'll be around, we can't encourage you enough to come out to judge, see some great mock trial, support the team, or just catch up! We'd love to see you.

Tournament Results:

- 1st - Spider Classic (Richmond, VA)
- 1st - CUBAIT (New York City)
- 1st - Super Regionals (Washington, DC)
- 1st & 2nd - Regionals (Philadelphia, PA)
- 1st & 4th - GAMTI (Washington, DC)
- 2nd & 4th - Carolina Classic (Elon, NC)
- 3rd - Downtown Invitational Classic (New York City)
- 5th - Nationals (Minneapolis, MN)

By The Numbers:

- 36 Individual Awards
- 5 Tournament Victories
- 101-34-4 Program Season Record

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GO TOWARDS OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS**

All of our success would not be possible without the generous support of program alumni, family, friends, and sponsors. Creating demonstrative aids, purchasing unique costumes and supplies, and maintaining one of the winningest teams comes at no small cost. Unfortunately, the funds we receive from the University cover only a fraction of our expenses.

All donations are tax deductible through the UVa Fund, and go to (what we all well know is) a great educational cause. Checks should be made payable to 'U.Va. Fund' with 'Collegiate Mock Trial' as the memo. You can also donate easily online at: www.hoosonline.virginia.edu/support/collegiatemocktrial

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