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DSHS Students at Youth in Government

Several DSHS students were successful at the YMCA Youth in Government state competition Jan. 28-30.

The team of Wyatt Cross, Sylvie Higgins, Elisa Higgins, Insiya Aziz and Gabrielle Chavez placed second in the Judicial District Court division and will find out in March if they qualify for national competition. Typically the first- and second-place teams are invited to national competition. The team of Grace Wyzkowski, Brooke Kelley, Emma Gell, Gillian Bynum, and Macaella Gray was third in the County Court division.

Aiden Edwards was selected as Outstanding Legislative Clerk, Sylvie Higgins was chosen as Outstanding Delegate, and Wyatt Cross, Sylvie Higgins and Elise Higgins were recognized as Outstanding District Court Witnesses.

Students who take part in Judicial competition are part of a team of five consisting of two lawyers and three witnesses. The lawyers are the students who show interest and prepare for and pass the lawyer test (created for this competition). The other three students take on two roles as witnesses, one for the defense and one for the prosecution. The students learn their duties and a real case that they will present. This year that case was Amelie Hodges' Forensic Files: The Case of "The Faith Healing Father" -- The State of Texas v. Don Coleson. The teams have to be ready to be the defense or the prosecution and will do each several times at district and again at state. They compete against teams from other schools all over the state.