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Marquette High Students Win First Place and SLUH Students Win Second Place at Fed Challenge

ST. LOUIS — A team of five students from Marquette High School on April 1 beat out five other teams to win first place in the Fed Challenge, an economics competition sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. As a result, they will represent the Fed's Eighth District at the Interdistrict finals in Washington, D.C., on May 2-4.

The five students from Marquette were Jane Diecker, Justin Impey, Avi Kaza, Ed Tulin and Justin Vader. They were led by Marquette High teacher Eva Johnston. Their coach for the competition was Dr. John Marske, vice president of Conning Asset Management Co.

The five students from St. Louis University High, who won second place, were Tim Ferrell, John Lauff, Kyle Rudloff, Andrew Shinn and Colin Smith. They were led by SLUH teacher Peggy Pride. Their coach for the competition was Dr. David Rose, professor of economics at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The Marquette and SLUH students competed against teams from Clayton High, Priory, St. Genevieve High and Upward Bound.

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Each of the six teams made a 15-minute presentation, based on their research, before a panel of judges at a mock meeting of the FOMC. Team members also had to answer the judges' questions about their research and the Federal Reserve. Although five students made up each team, the Fed Challenge in many cases involved the teams' entire classes, who served as researchers, advisors, technical and graphic support, and practice-session judges.

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis provided each participating class a variety of materials, including data on past and present economic indicators, and background on the Federal Reserve's role. In addition, the students were encouraged to consult the business sections of local and national newspapers, financial journals and the Internet, including the Federal Reserve Web pages.

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