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DILLARD UNIVERSITY MOCK TRIAL TEAM TAKES FIRST PLACE IN RICE UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT

NEW ORLEANS – With an 8-0 record, the Dillard University Mock Trial Team made history last weekend by coming in first place at Rice University's mock trial tournament. The competition took place in Houston October 12-14, and Dillard's two-year-old mock trial team remained undefeated throughout the weekend.

The team ranks #1 out of 20 teams from much larger institutions such as Baylor University, Louisiana State University, Rice University, Texas A&M University and the University of Houston. Dillard was the smallest university represented in the competition and the only historically Black college or university (HBCU). The team finished with the finest record of the weekend, superior to several institutions known for their strong mock trial programs.

Individual members of the team also received awards. Lydia Paige Moffett, '21 and Traelon Rodgers, '22 received the Outstanding Attorney Award and Khaelyn Jackson, '22 received the Outstanding Witness Award.

Lydia Paige Moffett, '21 and Kira Reney, '21 served as Team Captains for the Rice University competition. Other team members who competed in Houston were Noah Armstrong, '22, Jermay Gray, '22, Toenisha Hudson, '20, Ashley Jack, '21, Khaelyn Jackson, '22, Maya Jones, '22, Aria Lowery, '20, Tyson Moss, '20, Janya Robinson, '21, Traelon Rodgers, '22, Amaya Ronczyk, '22, and LaJeanne Shelton, '22. Last month, the team came in second place in the Jackson Joust Competition at Millsaps College.

The Dillard University Mock Trial Team was founded in 2016 and is a member of the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) along with more than 350 other universities and colleges across the United States. Dillard University Pre-Law Advisor Adria Kimbrough, local attorney Roman Griffith, and Orleans Parish Civil District Court Judge, the Honorable Kern Reese, serve as coaches.

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