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District Attorney Lynne Abraham Salutes Overbrook High School's Mock Trial Team With a \$250 Contribution for Travel Expenses

State Champion Overbrook High School Mock-Trial Team To Represent Pennsylvania Next Week in Mock-Trial National Finals in Orlando

WHAT: NEWS CONFERENCE

**WHEN: Friday April 30, 2004
1pm**

**WHERE: District Attorney's Office
First Floor Press Room
1421 Arch St.**

District Attorney Lynne Abraham will honor the State Champion Overbrook High School Mock-Trial Team with a special luncheon and a \$250 contribution from Urban Genesis* toward the team's travel expenses as they prepare for the national mock-trial finals next week in Orlando, Florida.

Overbrook's own "Fab Five," all seniors, won the Pennsylvania mock-trial championship last month in Harrisburg despite tremendous odds. When their faculty adviser became ill in December, the team dwindled from 25 students to five while most teams had 10 to 15 members. Additionally, the students were competing against some of the best high schools in the state.

But the five remaining students never gave up and went on to win the state championship in March. They are now preparing to argue both sides of a fictitious murder case for the national mock-trial finals in Orlando, May 7-9.

"These five high school seniors—LaJuan Tucker, Tiona Christopher, Christopher McFadden, Dorian Nelson and Juanita Robinson—teach us all a lesson in perseverance," said District Attorney Lynne Abraham. "They decided they were not going to give up--no matter what--and their hard work paid off when they won the Pennsylvania mock-trial championship. And since they won the title arguing the

side of the prosecution, these young legal eagles may be the next generation of Assistant District Attorneys to work in my office!”

After the presentation, the students will have lunch with D.A. Abraham and Deputy District Attorneys George Mosee and Ron Eisenberg and Chief Elois Howard.

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