



SUBMITTED

A team from West Nassau High School won the inaugural Constitution Bowl held earlier this month.

## WNHS wins \$4,000 in scholarships at Constitution Bowl

A team from West Nassau High School took top honors this month at the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation's inaugural Constitution Bowl to win \$4,000 in scholarships, according to a news release.

The Foundation hosted all four Nassau County high schools and a home-educated team in the event at Yulee High School. West Nassau and Fernandina Beach High School teams advanced to the final round, with West Nassau taking the 2019 title in front of a crowd of more than 300 educators, community leaders, parents, and students.

West Nassau teacher and coach Caleb Bryan accepted the soaring eagle trophy from Ron Heymann. The U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation awarded each member of the winning team a \$1,000 scholarship for the college of their choice. The team consisted of Matthew Gaus, Josh Fahlgren, Jared Collins, and James Evans. The Foundation awarded each member of

the second-place Fernandina Beach team a \$250 scholarship. The FBHS team included Brody Mandelbaum, Katie Slaughter, Felix McKenzie, and Bryce Howell and was coached by Steve Rathmann.

Nassau County Schools Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns presented an additional \$1,000 check from the Foundation for educational supplies to Yulee High School for generating the most attendees to the event.

According to the release, Burns summarized the competition with a note to the USCSF Board: "What an outstanding event. Thank you for your vision and the execution of that vision. The evening was beyond our expectations. Great crowd, great students and challenging competition."

"The Constitution Bowl, modeled on the old College Bowl format, showcased the intelligence and talent of our Nassau County students while educating and entertaining the audience," the release says.

Natasha Drake, principal of Yulee High School, opened the program by welcoming everyone and introducing Howard Pines, a member of the USCSF Board of Directors. Pines thanked Burns, principals Natasha Drake, Dr. John Mazzella, Curtiss Gaus, and Tammy Johnson, and community leaders along with parents and students for their enthusiastic support of the competition.

Bradley Bean served as master of ceremonies, and presiding competition judges were Sharon Foster, Esq. and the Honorable Adrian Soud. Sharyl Wood, USCSF director of the University of U.S. program, served as timekeeper and scorekeeper.

Visit the USCSF website at [uscsf.net](http://uscsf.net) for more information regarding the USCSF, the University of U.S. program, scholarships available to county high school juniors and seniors, and opportunities to honor loved ones in the Nassau County Constitution Plaza, or email [info@uscsf.net](mailto:info@uscsf.net).