

Hello, Maryland High School Mock Trial Teams!

On behalf of UMBC Mock Trial, we are thrilled to invite you to the inaugural **UMBC Underdog Invitational!** This one-day, two-round Mock Trial tournament will be held on **Saturday, January 11, 2020**. The tournament will be hosted by UMBC Mock Trial and will be held in the Information Technology/Engineering (ITE) building on UMBC's campus.

We are thrilled to announce that this tournament will be **completely free** for attending teams. We are partnering with UMBC Admissions, who will provide lunch to all competitors and coaches, and the UMBC Political Science Department, who will provide food to all judges.

To register your team, go to www.UMBCMockTrial.com/Underdog and use the form at that address to finalize your registration. Because we anticipate a smaller field of 12-14 teams for our inaugural year, we are limiting initial registration to one team per school. You can also use that form to place a second team on our wait list if you choose.

Our initial registration deadline is **Friday, November 15, 2019**. If our field is not full by that date, we will begin offering our remaining spots to teams on the wait list.

We intend to run the Underdog Invitational similar to how college Mock Trial tournaments are run, including opening and closing ceremonies, awards for outstanding teams and individual competitors, and a minimum of two judges in each trial. Our judging pool will be a mixture of attorneys and current members of UMBC Mock Trial.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to welcoming your team to UMBC in January!

Sincerely,



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