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2019 Awards Dinner

John Tinker, lead plaintiff in the landmark free speech case *Tinker v. Des Moines*, gave the keynote address at the Foundation's annual awards dinner on December 8. The Foundation was proud to honor [nineteen award winners](#) and [82 Keystone Society members](#). This article by [The Indiana Lawyer](#) highlights the award recipients.

Mock Trial Volunteers

The Foundation will host five mock trial regional and state competitions starting in February. To volunteer, [sign up here](#) or contact Tim Kalgreen at tkalgreen@inbf.org.

We the People State Finals Results



Nearly 600 students competed at the We the People State Finals December 8-10. Cathedral High School won the competition and will represent Indiana at the national finals. Fishers Junior High School took first place at the middle school competition.

Finishing in second and third place at the high school level were Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High School, respectively. At the middle school competition, Fall Creek Junior High finished second, and Brown County Junior High School won third place.

The We the People educational model has been shown to [increase civic participation](#), including voting rates, for students as they become adults. The model is one of the most effective for creating informed citizens who vote at higher rates than their peers.

Online Tools for Civil Legal Aid

Since launching at the end of 2018, the [Indiana Legal Help website](#) has made significant progress in vetting and posting helpful resources for Hoosiers looking for legal help. The website includes a guide to pro bono and civil legal aid organizations, self-help forms, and links to basic legal information.

Indiana Legal Help has had 271,325 visitors and 1,352,725 views since it launched.

We the People Demo for Indiana General Assembly



Brown County Junior High's We the People team showcased their knowledge on the U.S. Constitution, and

specifically the First Amendment, through a demonstrated We the People hearing for members of the Indiana General Assembly on December 12. The Foundation is thankful for the Assembly's continued support of the We the People program in Indiana.

Help Educate Future Leaders

"We the People has been an amazing experience. Although it is difficult, it is teaching students important things about our government and preparing us for times we have to speak in public. This foundation has taught us how to work as a team. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to experience We the People."
- Student, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School, Monroeville

Please consider a gift that is meaningful to you by December 31 to help educate more students in civic education. There are various levels of giving and associated benefits to recognize donors. Our highest level of donor recognition is the [Keystone Society](#) which recognizes donors who contribute \$1,000 or more annually. Even if you are not able to give at the level of the Keystone Society, a gift at any amount is greatly appreciated.

Contact Kim Berry at 317-269-7864 or kberry@inbf.org with any questions. We are grateful for your continued participation and support.

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