



U.S. DISTRICT COURT EVENT (BOISE) EVENT SUMMARY

Event Title: U.S. District Court Event (Boise)
Date & Time: April 9, 2019, 8:30AM-1:30PM
Location: U.S. Federal District Courthouse, 550 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho.

Number of Students: 30 students and chaperones.

Participating Schools: Kuna High School; Middleton High School; Marian Pritchett High School (Boise); Boise High School; and 1 BSU CAMP/HEP Student

Participating Judges, Attorneys: Judge Candy W. Dale, U.S. Magistrate Judge; Rafael Gonzalez, First Assistant U.S. Attorney; Mandy Arnold, Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer; Paul Baxley, Deputy Chief U.S. Marshal; and Nicole Owens, Federal Public Defender.

Summary of Events: For its Federal Courthouse event in Boise, Love the Law! invited students to the Federal District Courthouse in Boise to observe two criminal sentencing hearings and hear from a panel of employees within the Federal court system. The event began with a welcome and introduction to the Love the Law! program by Chair, Courtney Holthus, followed by an overview of what to expect in the Courtroom and a preview of the sentencing hearing by Amy Tate, Courtroom Deputy to the Honorable Candy W. Dale. Students were then escorted to observe two sentencing hearings before Judge Lodge: *USA v. Fausto Mascorro*, 1:18-cr-0095-EJL and *USA v. Miguel Luna*, 1:18-cr-00351-EJL. Afterwards, students were able to ask Judge Candy Dale questions about the sentencing hearings and courtroom observations. While lunch was served, students then participated in a panel discussion with Judge Candy W. Dale, U.S. Magistrate Judge; Rafael Gonzalez, First Assistant U.S. Attorney; Mandy Arnold, Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer; Paul Baxley, Deputy Chief U.S. Marshal; and Nicole Owens, Federal Public Defender. Panel members shared information regarding their background and respective career paths, answering questions, and discussed the various challenges they face in their respective positions within the Federal Court system. Students and chaperones then departed at approximately 1:30 PM.

Amy Tate provided a massive amount of assistance with this event, from helping to coordinate dates and panel speakers to volunteering to provide an overview presentation to the attendees all the way to actually helping to coordinate room set up and clean-up afterwards. Thank you, Amy, for all of your help!!

Student Profiles: 26 Background Information forms were completed at the conclusion of the event. From those forms, the following information was gathered regarding the participants:

- **Gender:**
 - Male: 9



- Female: 17
 - Other/Transgender: 0
- **Age**
 - 17 years old: 9
 - 18 years old: 16
 - 19 years old: 1
- **Grade:**
 - Senior: 25
 - College: 1
- **GPA**
 - 2.0-2.99: 2
 - 2.50-2.99: 2
 - 3.0-3.49: 2
 - 3.50-3.74: 4
 - 3.75-4.0: 16
- **Do you Identify as an Individual with a Disability:**
 - Yes: 0
 - No: 26
- **Is English Your Native Language:**
 - Yes: 22
 - No: 2
- **Race/Ethnicity:**
 - Black/African American: 0
 - Asian/Middle Eastern/Pacific Islander: 0
 - Spanish/Hispanic/Latino/Latina: 5
 - White/Caucasian: 21
 - Multi-Racial: 0
 - Other: 0
- **Religion You Closely Identify With:**
 - None: 10
 - Christianity: 12
 - Catholicism: 3
 - Islam: 0
 - Judaism: 0
 - Buddhism: 0
 - Other: 1
- **Sexual Orientation:**
 - Heterosexual: 16
 - Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender: 6
 - Unsure or Questioning: 1
- **Political Ideology:**
 - Liberal: 13
 - Moderate: 4
 - Conservative: 4



- Unsure or Questioning: 2
- None of the Above: 3
- **Mother/Female Guardian's Highest Level of Education:**
 - No High School: 1
 - High School: 5
 - Attended Some College: 5
 - Earned 2yr Associate's Degree: 1
 - Earned Bachelor's Degree: 9
 - Earned Master's Degree: 3
 - Earned Doctorate Degree: 1
 - Earned Professional Degree (Law, Medicine, etc.): 1
- **Father/Male Guardian's Highest Level of Education:**
 - No High School: 3
 - High School: 4
 - Attended Some College: 1
 - Earned 2yr Associate's Degree: 3
 - Earned Bachelor's Degree: 6
 - Earned Master's Degree: 5
 - Earned Doctorate Degree: 1
 - Earned Professional Degree (Law, Medicine, etc.): 2

Costs Associated with Event:

Love the Law! funds were used to pay for the following expenses:

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Food (Baja Fresh)	\$ 284.70
Drinks (Water)	0 (Donated by LTL! Member, Brit Kreimeyer)
Total cost to Committee:	\$284.70

The only expense paid for by the LTL! Committee was the \$284.70 in food and drink costs. Bottled water for attendees was donated by LTL! Committee member, Brit Kreimeyer. Concordia School of Law also graciously donated the time of one of its students, Gwen King, to assist with the event as well as the donation of folders and pens for the attendees to use. Thank you!

Student Feedback: 27 LTL! Event evaluations were completed and turned in. Copies of these evaluations are available upon request from Courtney Holthus. A summary of the responses received is as follows:

What they liked best about the event:

- Being able to witness a hearing and meeting with the panel.
- Exposure to court cases.
- The hearings and discussion that followed. Hearing about how the different people got started was really interesting as well.



- I loved the hearing, it was really eye opening and I have more appreciation for the judicial system.
- I liked seeing how a trial works and the ability ask questions and get detailed answers.
- The panel with the variety of people and diversity in the profession.
- Case sentencing before the judge and learning about the sentencing guidelines.
- I liked getting to see the hearing process.
- Observing a real case, watching lawyers interact, hearing arguments presented, hearing dialogue between lawyers, guilty parties and judge, lunch was great too! Great experience and exposure.
- I enjoyed hearing from people with diverse careers in the law. I am interested in a possible career in the law, so it was interesting hearing the different benefits/challenges to each one.
- I loved being able to ask questions after to gain further understanding of what was witnessed.
- Being able to see two separate hearings with two pretty different outcomes.
- Hearing about all the different jobs and some of their stories.
- Glad US Marshall service rep was included.

What they liked least about the event:

- Not as much interaction.
- Not being able to hear presenters.
- The intro was a little slow going.
- Nothing, it was great.
- The lunch forum's topic and panelists were relevant, but I'd suggest using a microphone next time as it was very difficult to hear in the back of the room.

How we can improve the event:

- Getting a chance after the hearing to ask questions to the Judge about his verdict.
- More interaction that the students can have with each other.
- Make the first 30 minutes more interactive and engaging.
- Decrease wait time.
- I wish we could have seen a trial, but understand that may not be possible.
- Give more information on opportunities for other students to get internships, pathways to being judges, etc.
- More cases, different types of cases.
- Maybe more variety in the subject matter of the cases, if that's even possible to control.
- Need microphone for panel – lots of fan noise.
- More organized panels.
- Maybe give a lesson on key terms that are commonly used in the courts, because it can be hard to understand.

Ideas for other LTL! events:

- Criminal court cases.
- Maybe incorporate some workshops with each panelist.
- Jury trial observation.



- Very informative, continue doing this – I enjoyed it!
- A legislative tour/panel.
- The variety of careers for lawyers as well as court careers – including pre-law school education, paying for law school, and other education to work at a courthouse.

Other Comments:

- Thank you!
- Lunch was wonderful.