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FY18 Chapter Community Outreach Grant Recipients

Central District of Illinois (June)

Naturalization Ceremony

To celebrate Constitution Week, Citizenship Day, and National Voter Registration Day in September, the Central District of Illinois Chapter, in conjunction with the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, will host a Naturalization Ceremony at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois to welcome hundreds of new U.S. citizens. The Chapter will invite students from Peoria's public schools to attend. The students will meet the federal judges and learn about the importance of the Constitution. Judges, FBA Chapter members, community leaders, the new citizens' family members, and the local news media will attend the ceremony.

South Carolina Chapter (June)

BRIDGE Mentorship Program

The South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association created the Mentorship Program to support the relatively new federal drug court in Charleston, SC known as the BRIDGE Program. The BRIDGE Program seeks to provide a rehabilitative program for individuals whose illegal substance dependency has led to federal criminal charges. The BRIDGE Program has now expanded to Columbia, Florence, and Greenville. FBA members and the federal judiciary will benefit from the grant as resources and personal involvement are critical to sustain the continued growth of this Program, which facilitates the administration of justice while addressing the need for legal services.

Delaware Chapter (December)

High School Fellowship

The chapter, along with the District Court of Delaware, implemented the High School Fellowship Program, a six-week summer program for high school students selected to work in chambers with Judges of the Court. This effort provides students with the opportunity to interact with prominent Delaware educators despite economic and/or cultural obstacles. The program promotes legal research

and education in Delaware with the hope that students who participate will take the "insiders" knowledge that they gain and share it with their classmates and communities, and to pursue careers in the field of law, bettering the federal bar.

Eastern District of Michigan Chapter *(December)*

FBA Law Day

Through the support of this grant, the chapter promotes legal education in the Detroit metropolitan community by affording students who would be otherwise unable, the opportunity to participate in Law Day. Attendance is limited due to financial constraints. The chapter, working with the Social Studies consultants to the Wayne and Oakland County high schools, devised a plan to underwrite the cost of transportation as a way of increasing participation in this valuable program. The grant allows us to accommodate a higher percentage of schools requesting to participate.

Minnesota Chapter *(December)*

Court Camp

A newly formed committee of the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will design and implement a court camp program during the summer of 2018. Court camp is an education initiative for high school students focused on creating early opportunities for those students to learn about careers in the law. The committee hopes to enhance a diverse "pipeline" of candidates for the future of the legal profession.

San Joaquin Valley Chapter *(December)*

Law Day Yosemite 2018

The Law Day Yosemite 2018 educates junior high school students about the importance of the Rule of Law in this country. 400 eighth grade students from nearby rural communities come to Yosemite to celebrate Law Day. This year's speaker is Laurie Levenson, a law professor from Loyola and head of the Project for the Innocent. She will speak to the eighth graders about "Equal Justice Under Law", a topic the students have studied in class, and also about which they have written an essay. There will be a Q&A with Professor Levenson.