

Fayette-Ware High School Criminal Justice Students Experience Federal Court in Action



On December 5, 2024, Criminal Justice Program students from Fayette-Ware High School visited the U.S. District Court for a unique learning experience about the federal court system.

The day began with a welcome by U.S. Probation Officer Shandra Miller, who guided the students through an overview of the criminal justice process and various roles involved in a federal case. Her engaging introduction set the stage for the students to observe a live sentencing proceeding. They also heard from Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lynn Crum and Reid Manning about the federal criminal process and their responsibilities as federal prosecutors representing the United States. Following the sentencing students participated in discussions with the Assistant U.S. Attorneys Crum and Manning, and Assistant Federal Defender Mary Catherine Jermann-Robinson, who offered insights into the role of defense counsel.

Adding to the experience, U.S. Marshals Deputies Joe Beidl and Casey Reasonover talked about the role of the U.S. Marshals Service in ensuring courtroom security and other law enforcement activities deputies perform. They led students on a tour of the building control room for a behind-the-scenes look at operations.

The visit concluded with a lunch and Q&A session with both District and Magistrate Judges, who shared their perspectives on the judiciary and answered the students' thoughtful questions.

