

Lakeland Preparatory School



On November 29, 2023, Kittrell Robinson, Instructor at the Lakeland Preparatory School, brought his Criminal Justice Course students to the District Court where they observed a sentencing hearing before U.S. District Judge Thomas L. Parker and heard from representatives from the United States Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender's Office, Probation and Pretrial Services, and the United States Marshals Service.



After the sentencing hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Greg Wagner, Audrey Calkins, and Courtney Lewis spoke to the students about the roles of criminal and civil attorneys in the United States Attorney's Office.



Assistant Federal Public Defenders Mary Jermann-Robinson and Presita West talked to the students about the Federal Public Defender's Office and the important role a criminal defense attorney plays in protecting the rights of a person accused of a crime.

Supervisory Probation Officer Michael Walker addresses the students about the work of the Probation and Pretrial Services Office.



Supervisory U.S. Deputy Marshal Jessica Ivie and U.S. Deputy Marshal Seth Bruce discuss the U.S. Marshal's role with the federal court—protecting federal judges, apprehending fugitives, transporting federal prisoners, operating witness protection program—and even let students try out some of their gear.



During lunch with the judges and agency representatives, students asked questions about the sentencing hearing they observed in Judge Parker's courtroom and answered questions about their recent classroom mock trials.

