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## Academic Decathlon Team Races to Nationals

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Academic Decathlon has only been established at THS for two years now and yet the team is surpassing everyone's expectations by outscoring schools such as Hamden Hall, DRG B school, New Fairfield, as well as several other state high schools all of which have been competing in the event for several years and in recent competitions this year. By outscoring these schools, Trumbull High has been invited to travel to Charlotte, North Carolina from April 27-30 to compete in the United States Academic Decathlon national competition.

For the past semester, the team of nine has met once a week and worked diligently to learn and

review the art music, economics, social science, literature (this year's novel was *The Grapes of Wrath*), geology, and math of this

that they have been preparing for. The weekly meetings the team has are meant more for the reinforcement of the information rather than



year's competition topic- The Great Depression. Members of the team prepare for an essay, an interview, and both a prepared and impromptu speech on the topics

the learning of it.

Each Academic Decathlon team is designed to include students from all academic levels.

Each nine-member team consists of three students from each of the following categories: Honor division (3.75 or better), Scholastic division (3.0-3.75), and the Varsity division (3.0 and below); these students compete in all ten events against other students in their individual divisions. The students will continue their studies on *The Great Depression* into the following months and hope to win at nationals in April.

Highlights of the initial competition include, the team's interaction with members of

speech and essay portions of the event. During this period, competitors were encouraged to cheer on their team and do so enthusiastically as it is a culmination of the day long testing. Additionally, the moment when the championship was announced was most definitely a highlight and a proud moment for the students, coaches, and family who were busy applauding as the team was brought to the front to collect their first place trophy.

The team is co-coached by: Mr. Arteses, Ms. Elkins, Mr. Monaco, and Mr. Pelligra who are looking to recruit new members. Come June, the team will lose five senior members and spots on the team will be available.



the US Coast Guard Academy who worked as volunteers for the

*Above: Annie Lane, Heather Dahlin, Vishakha Negi, Rachel Son, Kristie Shomski, Shannon Green, Daniel Hersfield, Liz Tomasco, and Betsy Pham*