

## Students perform well at foreign language poetry contest

Eighteen students from Trumbull High recently joined with 1,105 others from 94 Connecticut schools to participate at the "Super Bowl of Foreign Languages," the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers (COLT) poetry recitation competition, at Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven.

This was Trumbull's first participation in recent memory in the 29th annual event. The Trumbull ACE Foundation sponsored the team's entry and the students were accompanied by advisor Maria Manso-Garcia and World Language Department chairman Candy Perusi.



**Trumbull High students Brendan Lewis, Rucha Bhutta and Jessica McIntyre recently won medals at the COLT Poetry Recitation Competition.**

(Submitted photo)

Contest participants competed by reciting poems in 19 different languages and were judged in four dimensions: Memorization, diction, interpretation and body language. The Trumbull students recited, impersonated and gave life to more than 15 poets in six languages: French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Hindi and Mandarin Chinese.

Three students earned top awards: Rucha Bhutta, a sophomore, earned a gold medal in Hindi. Senior Brendan Lewis received a silver medal for Spanish Level 5, and Jessica McIntyre, a junior, achieved a bronze in French 4.