

Trumbull Takes First in Annual Globalization Conference

It was Trumbull's first time participating at the annual Globalization Conference and while they were the last of the seven groups to present, they became the team to beat. "We (the judges) saw Trumbull's strength immediately," said conference co-creator and ECE Associate Director, Brian Boecherer. "We have a defined rubric that we judge student presentations by and there was no debating that Trumbull earned their number one spot." Trumbull chose Thailand as the topic of their presentation.

Now in its fourth year, the Globalization Conference hosted its largest group with 130 student attending and seven teams presenting. This year's topic, Globalization's Effect on Labor and Standard of Living, drew the highest quality presentations to date. "What al-

ways amazes me at this conference are the questions from the audience," said moderator and ECE Marketing Manager Jennifer Griffin. "There were a few occasions where a student would ask a question and I would cover the microphone and say, wow that was an excellent question! It shouldn't surprise me but the quality of our students is something you never get over."

Greenwich High School, also first time participants, took second place for their presentation on China and RHAM High School placed third with their presentation on El Salvador.

In keeping with its original format, the conference consisted of a morning filled with student presentations, followed by lunch and small breakout discussion groups on the topic of globalization. Discussion

groups are led by Stamford business leaders and UConn faculty members.

Thank you to Brien McMahon High School, Bridgeport Regional Vocational Aquaculture School and Fairfield Warde High School for excellent presentations! We hope to see you all next year.



Team Trumbull students with instructor Gregg Basbagill pose with their 1st place trophy.

"There were a few occasions where a student would ask a question and I would cover the microphone and say, 'wow that was an excellent question!' It shouldn't surprise me, but the quality of our students is something you never get over."