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For Immediate Release:

GCHS Students Take Top Prizes at Italian Poetry Competition

On March 24, 2017, nine Garden City High School students participated in the AATI (Association of Teachers of Italian) Poetry Contest. Participants from Mrs. Lea Brunetti's classes memorized and recited poems for which judges evaluated them on five criteria. The recitation reflects the students' public speaking skills, composure, and critical thinking, for the presentation must embody the interpretation of the work. The poems ranged from those written during the Renaissance to those from contemporary poets. Alex Stefanik won a silver medal for level three, and Christina Bennett earned Honorable Mention for the same level. Nicholas Bambino also placed second for contestants in level four. For the same level, Alexis Spera was awarded an Honorable Mention. For level five, Gabrielle Frandina earned an Honorable Mention by reciting a very challenging poem. When asked to comment on the event, Gabriella Montanaro and Gabrielle Frandina, both seniors, said: "It is a great way to form relationships with students from other schools, who also appreciate the Italian culture and language."



Caption for 3-28-17IMG_2790HSItalianPoetry.jpg:

Second place winners in this year's AATI Italian Poetry Competition: Nicholas Bambino and Alexandra Stefanik.



Caption for 3-28-17IMG_2791ItalianPoetryGroup.jpg:
Garden City High School Italian Poetry students with their awards (left to right):
Gabrielle Frandina, Nicholas Bambino, Alexandra Stefanik, Alexis Spera and Christina
Bennett.