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CSULB Poetry Team Heads to Nationals

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Long Beach, CA – The Long Beach State Poetry Slam Team came out on top this weekend when it swept the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Regional Poetry Slam competition at California State University, Sacramento.

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The four-member team went up against competitors from UC Davis and UC Santa Cruz for a shot at the national competition scheduled for April 2-5 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

“We came home with the big ‘W,’” said USU Program Coordinator Keya Allen-Littleton. “I couldn’t be prouder of our team and I hope this win encourages more students on campus to stop by and see what we’re all about.”

The Long Beach State Poetry Slam Team, which has been in existence since 2003, is made up of CSULB students Jasmine Winfield, Eric Morago, Kashif Powell and Eric Cullather.

“We really dominated,” said Winfield, a master’s student in sports management. “The last couple years we came behind Davis and Santa Cruz. To come out on top feels great.”

Slam poetry is a form of performance art in which poets recite their work in front of an audience in compelling ways. At the competition in Sacramento, audience members, who were randomly selected, judged the poets on a numeric scale.

The ACUI is a nonprofit organization that unites college union and student-activities professionals from schools in seven countries. The association includes students and administrators who want to promote campus community.

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