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Plainfield's Arianna Diaz Wins Regional Poetry Out Loud Contest

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PLAINFIELD, NJ - Arianna Diaz, a senior at Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS), has won the Region 5 Poetry Out Loud Competition for the second consecutive year, repeating her win on Wednesday at the South Orange Performing Arts Center.

Diaz is one of two finalists from the region who will be competing in the State Competition at Ocean County College in March.

She performed three poems: “El Olvido” by Judith Ortiz Cofer, “Bent to the Earth” by Blas Manuel de Luna, and “The Definition of Love” by Andrew Marvell.

Amy Guzman, her instructor said, “Arianna did a fabulous job reciting her poems, particularly Andrew Marvell’s ‘The Definition of Love.’ Each year she challenges herself with the poems she chooses. She has made us all proud.”

When announcing the contest winners, the announcer said, “Lightening has struck twice, Arianna Diaz!”

[Poetry Out Loud](#) is a national contest sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. The program encourages high school students to learn about classical and contemporary poetry through memorization and recitation. The National Poetry Out Loud Competition will be held in the Lisner Auditorium at The George Washington University, in Washington D.C. on April 23-25, 2018.

For more information visit www.plainfieldnj12.org or call 908-731-4333.