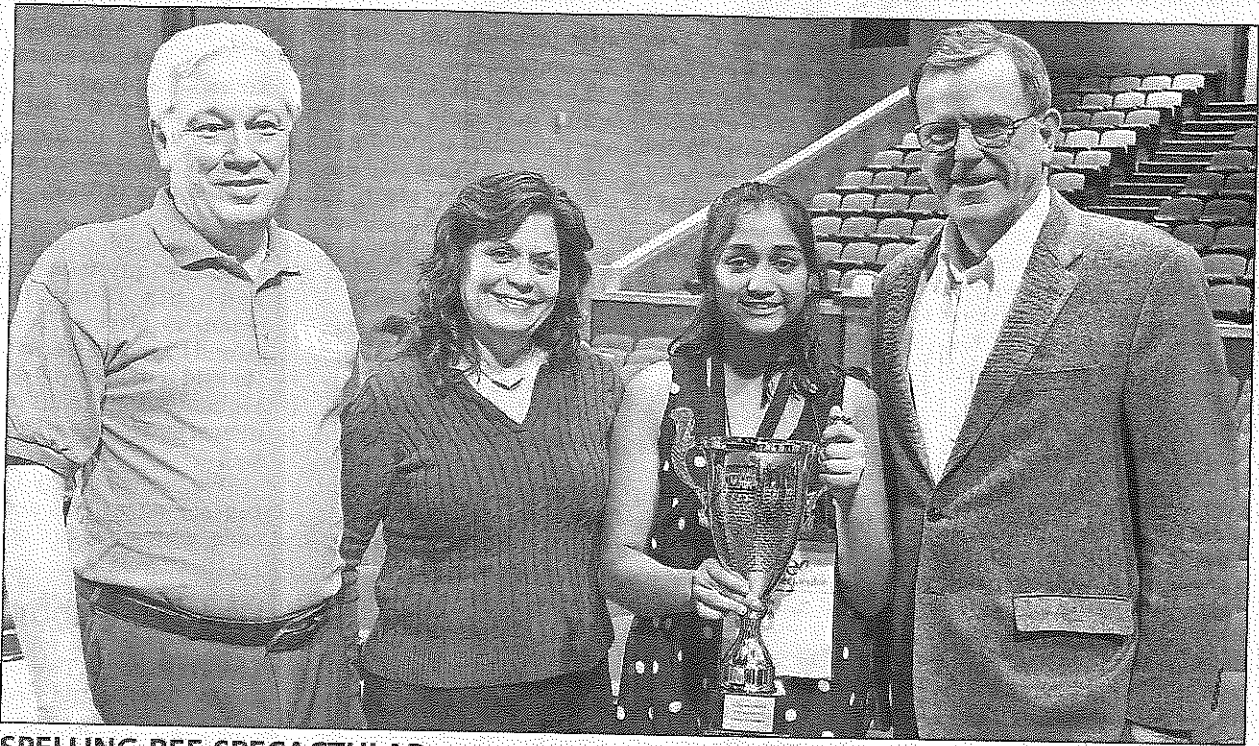


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**SPELLING BEE SPECTACULAR**

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey hosted its third annual Spelling Bee Spectacular at the Somerset County Vocational and Technical School on Saturday, March 10 in Bridgewater Township. Aashi Mishra, second from right, a seventh grader at Watchung's Valley View School, won the tournament by spelling the final word: "acharya." The winner of the bee was seventh-grader Aashi Mishra of Watchung's Valley View School. She will attend the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. at the library system's expense. Joining Mishra, from left, are Brian K. Auger, county library administrator; Dictionary Judge Corrine Fender, a library commission member, and Emcee Michael Kerwin, president and CEO of Somerset County Business Partnership.