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Media Release

**Saskatchewan's top young French-language speakers
assemble for 31st annual Concours d'art oratoire**

Saskatoon, May 8, 2013 – Contestants from all corners of the province came together in Saskatoon this past weekend to participate in the provincial finals of Concours d'art oratoire, a French-language oratory contest hosted by Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan (CPF-SK).

A total of 60 participants from grade six to 12 congregated at Holy Cross High School on Saturday, May 4. Each competitor placed highest at their respective school and regional competitions to qualify for the provincial final. This year, over 4,000 French-Second-Language (FSL) students in Saskatchewan took part in the event that has been going strong for over three decades.

"You need to be congratulated," noted CPF-SK Acting President Eric Bolay as he addressed the students, their families and friends at the awards ceremony. "You should be proud of the tremendous amount of work you have done that has allowed you to be here today."

The winners, including their speech titles, in each category were as follows:

Grade 6

French Immersion:

- 1st – Nico Rock, École Cardinal Leger, Saskatoon – *La musique électronique*
- 2nd – Chan-Min Roh, École Massey School, Regina – *Le communisme*
- 3rd – Keatan Heck, École Monseigneur Blaise Morand, North Battleford – *L'impact des médias sociaux*

Grade 7

French Immersion:

- 1st – Sara Sutherland, École Massey School, Regina – *Comment choisir un bon sujet de discours*
- 2nd – Kristen Ward, École Sister O'Brien School, Saskatoon – *L'importance des frères et des sœurs*
- 3rd – Maria Radu, École Française de Saskatoon, Saskatoon – *Les taches de rousseurs*

Grade 8

French Immersion:

- 1st – Agnitha Xavier, École St. Matthew, Saskatoon – *La religion*
- 2nd – Hayley Csada, École St. Andrew's School, Regina – *Éduquer une fille et changer le monde*
- 3rd – Simone Ma, École St. Mary, Regina – *L'éducation des filles*

Grades 9 and 10

French Immersion:

1st – Jessica Scott, Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, Regina (Grade 10) – *Les réfugiés: La vie contre tout attente*

2nd – Jaiden Christopher, Bishop James Mahoney High School, Saskatoon (Grade 10) – *Le danger d’être photographié*

3rd – Cassidy Zacharias, M.C. O’Neill High School, Regina (Grade 10) – *Comment décoder les femmes*

Francophone:

1st – Jean-Élie Fortier, St. Mary’s High School, Prince Albert (Grade 10) – *Quelle est la vraie réponse?*

2nd – Anne-Sophie Fortier, St. Mary’s High School, Prince Albert (Grade 9) – *Mon voyage missionnaire et culturel au Pérou*

Grades 11 and 12

French Immersion:

1st – Luke Gilmore, Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, Regina (Grade 12) – *Bilingue et fier*

2nd – Raven Miles, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 11) – *Un film qui a changé ma vie*

3rd – Désirée Naudé, Holy Rosary High School, Lloydminster (Grade 11) – *Les enseignants devraient donner moins de devoirs*

Francophone:

1st – Rachèle Paquet, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 12) – *La protection du français: Meurtrière du bilinguisme*

Core :

1st – Abbey-Taylor Weber, Thom Collegiate, Regina (Grade 12) – *La moralité dans la crise Euro*

The first place winners in grades 11 and 12 are eligible to be finalists at the CPF National Concours d’art oratoire on May 25, where they will compete for a \$20,000 scholarship at the University of Ottawa.

Three students from Regina will represent Saskatchewan in the national arena. Luke Gilmore from LeBoldus High School will participate in the French immersion category. Rachèle Paquet, an immersion student at Campbell Collegiate and a repeat contender at nationals will compete in the Francophone group. Core French student Abbey-Taylor Weber from Thom Collegiate will take the stage in that category. *Félicitations et bonne chance à vous trois!*

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers who value French as an integral part of Canada and are dedicated to the promotion, creation and support of effective French-Second-Language (FSL) learning opportunities for youth in Canada.

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