



Media Release

Budding young orators find their voices: Saskatchewan's top French-Second-Language speakers compete at 32nd Annual *Concours d'art oratoire*

Saskatoon, May 1, 2014 – Fifty-two contestants from across the province came together in Saskatoon last weekend to participate in the Provincial Final for *Concours d'art oratoire*, a French-language oratory contest hosted by Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan (CPF-SK).

Participants from grades 6 to 12 met at St. Joseph High School on Saturday April 26, 2014. Each student placed highest at his or her respective school and regional competition to qualify for the Provincial Final. This year, over 5,000 French-Second-Language (FSL) students in Saskatchewan took part in the French-language speech competition.

"You must be congratulated," noted CPF-SK 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. You are all winners already!"

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

Grade 6 French Immersion

- 1st - Madelyn Kaban - École W.S. Hawrylak, Regina - *Les contes des fées*
- 2nd - Emma O'Reilly - École St. Pius X, Regina - *Mon nouveau travail*
- 3rd - Jung Yi Cau - École W.S. Hawrylak, Regina - *L'environnement*
- 3rd - Lauren O'Reilly - École St. Matthew, Saskatoon - *Libérons les enfants*

Grade 7 French Immersion

- 1st - Nico Rock - École Cardinal Leger, Saskatoon - *Les Mangas*
- 2nd - Chan-min Roh - École Massey School, Regina - *Nelson Mandela: sa révolution*
- 3rd - Christianne Camba - École St. Andrew, Regina - *Anne Frank*

Grade 8 French Immersion

- 1st - Ridda Ahmad - École Cardinal Leger, Saskatoon - *La charité*
- 2nd - Renée Wahl - École Connaught, Regina - *L'intimidation*
- 3rd - Orisha Greschner - École St. Pius X, Regina - *L'expérimentation animale*

Grade 9/10 French Immersion

- 1st - Agnitha Xavier (Grade 9), Holy Cross High School, Saskatoon - *La foi formative: l'impact de la religion sur la femme du monde moderne*
- 2nd - Esmá Mouhoub (Grade 10) - Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *L'extinction des abeilles*

3rd - Yahia Ben Bouazza (Grade 9) - Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Le Maroc: Un pays à découvrir*

Grade 11/12 French Immersion

1st - Jessica Scott (Grade 11) - Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, Regina - *Les médecins sans frontières: L'humanité en action*

2nd - Cassidy Zacharias (Grade 11) - Archbishop M.C. O'Neill, Regina - *Les insécurités des femmes*

3rd - Tatiana Orłowski (Grade 11) - Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *L'importance de la science-fiction*

Jessica Scott, winner of the Grade 11/12 French immersion category, has been a strong presence on the *Concours d'art oratoire* provincial stage for the past number of years. Since she began participating in grade six, she has consistently placed in the top three in her grade level. She will represent Saskatchewan at the *Concours d'art oratoire* National Final on Saturday May 24 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

This year's National Final will be held in Prince Edward Island, in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference. This event final is typically held in Ottawa.

Scott will be among top-placing provincial winners from across the country vying for new award options from several post-secondary institutions. National *Concours d'art oratoire* first-place winners will now have a range of choices for scholarships from University of Ottawa, Université de Moncton, Cité Collégiale, University of Prince Edward Island, and Université St. Anne.

Félicitations et bonne chance, Jessica!

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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