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**PROVINCIAL CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE  
WINNERS WILL REPRESENT SASKATCHEWAN AT  
NATIONAL COMPETITION**

Saskatoon, 9 May 2005 - On Saturday April 30, over 100 students from across Saskatchewan competed in the provincial final of **Concours d'art oratoire**, a French-second-language public speaking competition.

Three provincial winners will now represent Saskatchewan at the National Concours d'art oratoire on May 28, on an all-expenses-paid trip to Ottawa. Ms. Kyrie Irwin-Kristmanson from Campbell Collegiate in Regina will compete in the French immersion category, Ms. Samra Sahlu also from Campbell Collegiate will compete in the special core French category and Mr. Daniel Detillieux from Bruno School in Bruno will compete in the core French category. These three bilingual Saskatchewan representatives will compete for University of Ottawa bursaries.

"We are very proud to have these three energetically bilingual students represent Saskatchewan," remarks Chris D. Guérette, Executive Director of CPF-SK. "They have a bright future ahead of them and they will be able to demonstrate their dedication to bilingualism on a national scale."

CPF-SK would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in Concours d'art oratoire and to the ones who placed themselves as the top-three provincial competitors in their respective categories:

Grade 6 French immersion

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Sarah Hognestad, École St Andrew, Regina
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brianna Wells, École St Thomas, Lloydminster
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Brenner Holash, École St Anne, Prince Albert
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Shea O'Bertos, École Monseigneur Blaise Morand, North Battleford

Grade 7 French immersion

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Natalie Julien, École St Matthew, Saskatoon
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Harasyn, École Holy Cross, Prince Albert
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Zach Phair, École St Piux X, Regina

Grade 8 French immersion

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Jordyn Dewalt, École Wilfred Walker, Regina
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Laura Hochban, École St Angela, Regina
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Laurence Belzile, École Wilfred Walker, Regina

Grades 9&10 core French

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Melanie Taylor, Wawota Parkland School, Wawota  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mario Gibney, Holy Rosary School, Lloydminster  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Shannon Skidmore, Estevan Comprehensive High School, Estevan

Grades 9&10 French immersion

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Conor Holash, École Holy Cross, Prince Albert  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Susanna Klassen, LeBoldus High School, Regina  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Lynsey Martin, Archbishop MC O'Neill High School, Regina

Grades 9&10 Francophone

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Laura Laverdure, École St Michael, Yorkton

Grades 11&12 core French

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Samra Sahlou, Campbell Collegiate, Regina  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Daniel Detillieux, Bruno School, Bruno  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Norman Detillieux, Bruno School, Bruno

Grades 11&12 French immersion

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Kyrie Irwin-Kristmanson, Campbell Collegiate, Regina  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jana Moats, Thom Collegiate, Regina  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Victoria Kesslering, Campbell Collegiate, Regina

Concours d'art oratoire is hosted by Canadian Parents for French. The objective of the competition is to stimulate the interest of English-speaking students in the learning of French as their second language. Researching, preparing, writing, memorizing and delivering speeches are activities that contribute to the development of language skills that will benefit them now in becoming functionally bilingual, as well as throughout their lives.

*Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan (CPF-SK) is the provincial network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and that is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.*

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