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Media Release

**French-Second-Language students
enthusiastically embrace public speaking contest**

Saskatoon, May 8, 2011 – Contestants from various locations across the province were in Saskatoon on Saturday, May 5 to participate in Concours d'art oratoire, hosted by Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan (CPF-SK).

A total of 58 participants from grade six to 12 congregated at Holy Cross High School last Saturday. Each competitor placed highest at their respective school and regional competitions to qualify for the provincial final. This year, a total of 4,514 students in Saskatchewan took part in the 30th year of the French-language oratory contest.

"You are all winners already," noted CPF-SK President Natasha Vetter as she addressed the students, and their families and friends at the awards ceremony. "You should be proud of the hard work you have done that has allowed you to be here today."

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

Grade 6

French Immersion:

- 1st – Louis Kawchuk, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon – *Les jeux vidéos: amis ou ennemis?*
- 2nd – Marissa Lee, École St. Matthew, Saskatoon – *Les rêves*
- 3rd – Renée Wahl, École St. Andrew, Regina – *L'intimidation virtuelle*

Grade 7

French Immersion:

- 1st – Simone Ma, École St. Andrew, Regina – *Le futur des bibliothèques*
- 2nd – Agnitha Xavier, École St. Matthew, Saskatoon – *Soweto*
- 3rd – Haley Csada, École St. Andrew, Regina – *Méfiez-vous des stratégies de marketing!*

Grade 8

French Immersion:

- 1st – Amy Zhou, École St. Matthew, Saskatoon – *La pression chez les adolescents*
- 2nd – Josée Kreese, École Holy Rosary, Lloydminster – *Le voyage inoubliable*
- 3rd – Sarah Falkowsky, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon – *L'abus des animaux des cirques*

Francophone:

1st – Anne-Sophie Fortier – École Zenon Park, Zenon Park – *Les concours de beauté pour petites filles*

Grades 9 and 10**French Immersion:**

1st – Jessica Scott – Dr. Martin Leboldus High School, Regina (Grade 9) – *La vie sans eau*

2nd Tatiana Orlowski – Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 9) – *La mystérieuse antimatière*

3rd – Jaiden Christopher – Bishop James Mahoney High School, Saskatoon (Grade 9) – *Mon voyage de camping*

Francophone:

1st – Jean-Élie Fortier – École Zenon Park, Zenon Park (Grade 9) – *L'avortement*

2nd – Kassandra Despins – Western Christian High School, Regina – *Une histoire à continuer*

Grades 11 and 12**French Immersion:**

1st – Maysa Haque, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 12) – *L'affaire du foulard*

2nd – Julia Lenton, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 11) – *Les trottineurs et les diadèmes*

3rd – Jacob Muir, Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School (Grade 12) – *Sans le pétrole, il y a quoi...?*

Francophone:

1st – Rachèle Paquet, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 11) – *Le féminisme au Canada*

2nd – Wafae Ben Bouazza, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 11) – *Benetton UNHATE: Profits et humanité*

3rd – Jihane Henni, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 12) – *L'année du protestateur*

The first place winners in Grades 11 and 12 are eligible for the CPF National Concours d'art oratoire on May 26, where they will vie for a \$20,000 scholarship for the University of Ottawa. This year, two students from Campbell Collegiate in Regina will be representing Saskatchewan at the finals in our nation's capital. Maysa Haque (French Immersion) and Rachèle Paquet (Francophone) have both been participating at the provincial level for a number of years. *Félicitations et bonne chance à vous deux!*

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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