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Media Release

Saskatchewan's top French-second-language orators compete at 34th annual *Concours d'art oratoire*

Saskatoon, April 27, 2016 - Sixty-five of Saskatchewan's most proficient French-second-language (FSL) speakers from grades six to twelve let their voices be heard *en français* on Saturday, April 23. They were contestants in the Provincial Final for *Concours d'art oratoire*, a French-language oratory contest hosted by Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan. In 2015-2016, close to 5,800 FSL students took part in the enriching public speaking program, which is a number that continues to steadily grow.

"Congratulations to all," noted Marie-Anne Corrigan, Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan Board President as she addressed the students, their families and friends at the Awards Ceremony. "You should be proud of the work you have done."

All provincial competitors received a certificate. First, second and third place winners were honoured with medals. First and second placers in each category from Grades 9 to 12 earned bursaries for \$150 and \$75 respectively.

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

Grade 6 French Immersion

1st: Maximilian Eyre-Wilkins, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon - *Chasseur d'Eléments*
2nd: Randa Mouhoub, École Wilfrid Walker School, Regina - *Les animaux militaires*
3rd: Jackson Geddes, École Monseigneur Blaise Morand, North Battleford - *Les Commotions Cérébrales Dans Le Football*

Grade 6 Francophone

1st: Dylan Nahirney, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster - *Star Wars*

Grade 7 French Immersion

1st: Darien O'Shea, École Saint Paul School, Saskatoon - *Anne Frank, un modèle historique*
2nd: Bridget Salamon, École Victoria School, Saskatoon - *Hermione Granger: Arriver à Hogwarts*
3rd: Fynley Calder-Rasmussen, École Massey School, Regina - *C'est mieux d'être un donneur*

Grade 7 Francophone

1st: Tess Gareau, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster - *Les Livres Contre les Films*
2nd: Alexandra Pagé, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster - *Osgood Schlatter*

Grade 8 French Immersion

1st: Summer Baier, École St. Matthew School, Saskatoon - *Les medias sociaux*
2nd: Jarod Christopher, École Sister O'Brien School, Saskatoon - *Mes actions stupides*
3rd: Olivia Garratt, École Centennial Community School, Regina - *Les Discours*

Grade 8 Francophone

1st: Victoria Marmulak, Holy Rosary High School, Lloydminster - *Une Discussion sur la Recherche de l'Attention et les Désordres Mentaux*

Grade 8 Core Special

1st: Alora Bazylak, École Mother Teresa School, Saskatoon - *Nous sommes chanceux*

Grade 9 French Immersion

1st: Isfar Abdullah Chowdhury, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Pourquoi les athlètes de la NCAA devraient être payés*

2nd: Nadia Ahmad, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Le terrorisme dans les pays de tiers monde*

3rd: Ewan Simms, Centennial Collegiate Institute, Saskatoon - *La fiabilité des actualités populaires*

Grade 9 Core Special

1st: Chan-Min Roh, Luther College High School, Regina - *La corruption de FIFA*

2nd: Raiha Shareef, Luther College High School, Regina - *Être appelée une fille*

Grade 9 Core French

1st: Sharon Jacob, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Une Porte Ouverte à Français*

Grade 9 Francophone

1st: Nico Rock, St. Joseph High School, Saskatoon - *Les sports électroniques*

2nd: Gabrielle Guenette, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Les effets de l'internet*

3rd: Quinn Parrott, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Raspberry Pie*

Grade 10 French Immersion

1st: Ridda Ahmad, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Les idées fausses de l'Islam*

2nd: Mia Ference, Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School, Regina - *Les Introvertis*

3rd: Brittany Pocha, Carlton Comprehensive High, Prince Albert - *World Poverty*

Grade 10 Core Special

1st: Orisha Greschner, Luther College High School, Regina - *Les activités parascolaires*

Grade 11/12 French Immersion

1st: Jaedin Blish, Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School, Regina - *Les vaccins*

2nd: Yiwen Li, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *L'essentiel de la vie*

3rd: Maryam Wajahat, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Les impacts négatifs d'Hollywood sur la société*

Grade 11/12 Francophone

1st: Anne-Sophie Fortier, St. Mary High School, Prince Albert - *Question d'identité*

2nd: Barinderjeet Sekhon, Thom Collegiate, Regina - *Le Canada, est-il complice de crime contre l'humanité?*

3rd: Jean-Élie Fortier, St. Mary High School, Prince Albert - *J'ai commencé une entreprise*

Jaeden Blish (Grade 11/12 French Immersion winner) and Anne-Sophie Fortier (Grade 11/12 Francophone winner) will represent Saskatchewan at the *Concours d'art oratoire National Final* in Gatineau, Quebec on Saturday, May 28. ***Félicitations et bonne chance à vous deux!***

We are a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that champions the opportunity to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home.

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