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Saskatchewan's top French-second-language orators compete at 35th annual *Concours d'art oratoire*

Saskatoon, May 9, 2017 - Seventy-eight of Saskatchewan's most proficient French-second-language (FSL) speakers participated in the Provincial Final for *Concours d'art oratoire*, a French-language oratory contest hosted by Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan.

In the 2016-2017 school year, there was a record number of students in this popular public speaking program. "This year, 6,332 students participated in *Concours d'art oratoire* at the school level, in schools all around the province," remarked Marie-Anne Corrigan, Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan Board President as she addressed the students, their families and friends at the Awards Ceremony. "All students who participated here today are winners at their school and/or school division level. Congratulations to all of you for your effort."

All provincial competitors received a certificate. First, second and third place winners were honoured with medals. First and second place finishers 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: Mila Carleton, École St. Pius X School, Regina - *Helen Keller*
- 2nd: Sean Van Der Loo, St. Michael's School, Yorkton - *La tension de la surface*
- 3rd: Teni Shinyanbola, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster - *Les enfants en danger*

Grade 7 French Immersion

- 1st: Maximilian Eyre-Wilkins, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon - *Deux Invasions qui ont changé L'Histoire*
- 2nd: Maya Soifer, École W.S. Hawrylak School, Regina - *Les Stéréotypes Sexistes*
- 3rd: Leyna Matisz, École St. Matthew School, Saskatoon - *Moi, suis-je parfaite?*

Grade 7 Enriched French Immersion

- 1st: Dylan Nahirney, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster - *La surpopulation*
- 2nd: Faiha Rahman, École Forest Grove School, Saskatoon - *La Pauvreté*

Grade 8 French Immersion

- 1st: Bridget Salamon, École Victoria School, Saskatoon - *La Mort de Lily Potter*
- 2nd: Darien O'Shea, École St. Paul School, Saskatoon - *Le droit fondamental qui n'est ni assez reçu, ni assez apprécié*
- 3rd: Rachelle Stephany, Sacred Heart School / École Sacré Cœur, Estevan - *Financement d'éducation*

Grade 8 Enriched French Immersion

1st: Marina Dawson, École Wilfrid Walker School, Regina - *Le manque d'intégrité en journalisme*

2nd: Avery Avram-Duczek, École W.S. Hawrylak School, Regina - *Arrêter l'intimidation en ligne*

3rd: Tess Gareau, Holy Rosary High School, Lloydminster - *La violence à la télévision*

Grade 9 French Immersion

1st: Olivia Garratt, Thom Collegiate, Regina - *Être Multilingue*

2nd: Houda Hammoud, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Pourquoi la suicide? Est-ce que c'est vraiment la seule solution?*

3rd: Anya Petek, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Le pouvoir d'un peuple organisé est plus grand que le peuple au pouvoir*

Grade 9 Enriched Core French

1st: Avery Lightfoot, Luther College High School, Regina - *L'apprentissage des langues: Une expérience personnelle*

Grade 9 Enriched French Immersion

1st: Malika Yoh, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Les stéréotypes et les préjugés*

2nd: Nouha Karam, St. Joseph High School, Saskatoon - *Le pouvoir humain*

3rd: Justin Nahirney, Holy Rosary High School, Lloydminster - *#RendYouTubeBonDeNouveau*

Grade 10 French Immersion

1st: Nadia Ahmad, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Les femmes en Islam*

2nd: Victory Howard, Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, Regina - *Conserver le féminisme*

3rd: Jienan Chen, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Est-ce que la musique est essentielle?*

Grade 10 Core French

1st: Sharon Jacob, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Le cadeau de connaissance*

2nd: Alina Sami, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Coupures des réfugiés et des autochtones*

Grade 10 Enriched Core French

1st: Raiha Shareef, Luther College High School, Regina - *Quel Monde*

2nd: Chan-Min Roh, Luther College High School, Regina - *Le multiculturalisme dans le Canada*

Grade 10 Enriched French Immersion

1st: Arder Raez Goolam Hossain, Thom Collegiate, Regina - *Augmenter les heures d'école*

Grade 11/12 French Immersion

1st: Yuxin Bai, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Le négatif des stéréotypes positifs*

2nd: Maryam Wajahat, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *La révolution technologique du 21ème siècle*

3rd: Jaedin Blish, Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School, Regina - *Acceptant l'imperfection*

Grade 11/12 Enriched Core French

1st: Gavi Arganosa, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Un Changement Dramatique*

2nd: Orisha Greschner, Luther College High School, Regina - *Un Niveau Vert: Comment Changez Votre Monde*

Grade 11/12 Enriched French Immersion

1st: Paul Bellerive, Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, Regina - *Le Vote Véritable: Le Pouvoir du Collège Electoral*

2nd: Afaf Rahman, Centennial Collegiate, Saskatoon - *La douleur de Syrie*

Yuxin Bai (Grade 11/12 French Immersion winner), Gavi Arganosa (Grade 11/12 Enriched Core French winner) and Paul Bellerive (Grade 11/12 Enriched French Immersion winner) will represent Saskatchewan at the *Concours d'art oratoire* National Final in Gatineau, Quebec on Saturday, June 3. ***Félicitations et bonne chance à vous trois!***

Nadia Ahmad (Grade 10 French Immersion winner) will be participating in the Jeux de la francophonie canadienne as part of the Leadership Team for Saskatchewan. Les Jeux de la francophonie canadienne brings together Francophone and French-speaking youth from across Canada to compete in three domains: sport, arts and leadership. This year's edition of the games will be held in Moncton-Dieppe. ***Félicitation et bonne chance Nadia!***

Canadian Parents for French is 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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