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Saskatchewan's top French-second-language orators compete at 36th annual *Concours d'art oratoire*

Saskatoon, May 4, 2018 - Eighty-seven 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 organized by Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan.

In the 2017-2018 school year, there was a record number of students in this popular public speaking program with over 6,400 students participating at the school level.

This year, a new competition category was introduced for grades nine to 12 students, the Impromptu Category. Students had 15 minutes to write a two to four minute speech from a selection of predetermined topics. At the Provincial Final, there were four participants, two in Grade 9/10 and two in Grade 11/12.

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: Judy Luo, École Wascana Plains School, Regina - *L'importance de la Musique Classique*

2nd: Malaya Frei, École Wascana Plains School, Regina - *Les effets négatifs des drogues sur les enfants*

3rd: Kathir Hector, École Mother Teresa School, Saskatoon - *Le Joi du pardon*

Grade 6 Enriched French Immersion

1st: Sofia Moreno, École St. Kateri Tekakwitha School, Regina - *Malala*

2nd: Sama Bitar, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster - *Les réfugiés*

3rd: Madison Topley, École St. Thomas, Lloydminster - *Ma famille*

Grade 7 French Immersion

1st: Seraphina Anand, École Sister O'Brien School, Saskatoon - *Pourquoi nous devons changer à l'énergie solaire*

2nd: Sitara Randhawa, École St. Paul School, Saskatoon - *La préservation nécessaire de l'environnement pour l'avenir*

3rd: Mila Carleton, École St. Kateri Tekakwitha School, Regina - *Princess Diana*

Grade 8 French Immersion

1st: Matthew Ripplinger, École St. Angela Merici School, Regina - *La série de victoires de l'école secondaire De la Salle*

2nd: David Dodson - École Victoria School, Saskatoon - *Les Solutions Pour Le Réchauffement Climatique*

3rd: Maximilian Eyre-Wilkins, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon - *La Reine Elizabeth...et alors?*

Grade 9 French Immersion

1st: Bridget Salamon, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *La Troisième Guerre Mondiale*

2nd: Lorelei McEwen, Centennial Collegiate, Saskatoon - *L'image de soi des filles*

3rd: Darshana Lanke, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Le pouvoir des jeunes*

Grade 9 Enriched French Immersion

1st: Sophie Kreese, Holy Rosary High School, Lloydminster - *Le Féminisme*

2nd: Tess Gareau, Holy Rosary High School, Lloydminster - *Chance le Rappeur: Une Inspiration*

3rd: Marie-Eve Daschuk, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Les élèves en Immersion française*

Grade 10 French Immersion

1st: Anya Petek, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Les horreurs de la baie de Guantanamo*

2nd: Houda Hammoud, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Votre travail ou vos enfants, pourquoi pas les deux?*

3rd: Morgan Rohatynsky, Sacred Heart High School, Yorkton - *La Dépendance de la Musique*

Grade 10 Enriched Core French

1st: Hope Van Vliet, Luther College High School, Regina - *Le mort des adolescent*

Grade 10 Enriched French Immersion

1st: Malika Yoh, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Le pouvoir, c'est vous*

2nd: Justin Nahirney, Holy Rosary High School, Lloydminster - *La singularité technologique*

3rd: Syeda Isha Haider, Centennial Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Le talisman caché*

Grade 9/10 Impromptu

1st: Bridget Salamon, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon

2nd: Darshana Lanke, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon

Grade 11/12 French Immersion

1st: Christianne Camba, Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, Regina - *Le Gaspillage alimentaire: un scandale global*

2nd: Emmett Maher, Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, Regina - *Le jeunesse*

3rd: Isfar Abdullah Chowdhury, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Pourquoi l'avenir des centaines est en danger*

Grade 11/12 Core French

1st: Sharon Jacob, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *Le Monde sans les Frontières*

2nd: Alina Sami, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon - *La Crise Humanitaire du Monde*

Grade 11/12 Enriched Core French

1st: Chan-Min Roh, Luther College High School, Regina - *Au défense de la justice*

2nd: Samuel Girgis, Luther College High School, Regina - *Trouver la Motivation*

3rd: Orisha Greschner, Luther College High School, Regina - *Vous sentez-vous écouté?*

3rd: Lauren Schenher, Luther College High School, Regina - *L'ultimatum et moi*

Grade 11/12 Enriched French Immersion

1st: Tarah Teixeira, École Gravelbourg School, Gravelbourg - *Devrions-nous développer le Tier-Monde*

2nd: Abder Goolam Hossain, Thom Collegiate, Regina - *L'esclavage moderne*

3rd: Gabrielle Guenette, Campbell Collegiate, Regina - *Les Effets de la Cyberdépendance*

Grade 11/12 Impromptu

1st: Emmett Maher, Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, Regina

2nd: Orisha Greschner, Luther College High School, Regina

Grade 11/12 winners from all categories except Impromptu (no competition at the national level as of yet) will have the opportunity to represent Saskatchewan at the *Concours d'art oratoire* National Final in Ottawa, Ontario on Saturday, June 2. These students are Christianne Camba (Grade 11/12 French Immersion winner), Sharon Jacob (Grade 11/12 Core French winner), Chan-Min Roh (Grade 11/12 Enriched Core French winner), and Tarah Teixeira (Grade 11/12 Enriched French Immersion winner).

Félicitations et bonne chance à vous quatre!

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