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

Saskatoon, May 3, 2006 - On Saturday April 29, 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 represent Saskatchewan at the National Concours d'art oratoire on May 27, in Ottawa. Janna Moats from Thom Collegiate in Regina will compete in the French immersion category, Katelyn Fréçon from Carrot River High School will compete in the Core French category and Laura Laverdure will compete in the Francophone category. These three bilingual Saskatchewan representatives will compete for University of Ottawa bursaries.

CPF-SK would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in Concours d'art oratoire, particularly those who placed in the top three in their respective categories:

French Immersion Grade 6

First Place – Liam Bassingthwaite, École Monseigneur Blaise Morand, North Battleford
Second Place – Daniel Julien, École St Matthew, Saskatoon
Third Place – Veronica Finkas, École Sacred Heart, Estevan

French Immersion Grade 7

First Place – Aleina Haines, École St Matthew, Saskatoon
Second Place – Avnee Paranjape, École W.S. Hawrylak, Regina
Third Place – Denique LeBlanc, École St Mary, Regina

French Immersion Grade 8

First Place – Paul Harasyn, École Holy Cross, Prince Albert
Second Place – Alexis Brassard, École St Angela Merici, Regina
Third Place – Natalie Julien, École St Matthew, Saskatoon

French Immersion Grades 9-10

First Place – Linh La, Campbell Collegiate, Regina
Second Place – Amy Edwards, Holy Rosary, Lloydminster
Third Place – Stephanie Fellner, Thom Collegiate, Regina

French Immersion Grades 11-12

First Place – Janna Moats, Thom Collegiate, Regina

Second Place – Kathrynann James-Loth, Carleton Collegiate, Prince Albert
Third Place- Sydney Marquarot, Campbell Collegiate, Regina

Core French – Grades 9-10

First Place – Melanie Taylor, Wawota Parkland School, Wawota
Second Place – Trevor Chorney, Wawota Parkland School, Wawota
Third Place – Megan Berlin, Holy Rosary, Lloydminster

Core French – Grades 11-12

First Place – Katelyn Fréçon, Carrot River High School, Carrot River
Second Place – Tara Zwozdesky, L.P. Miller, Nipawin
Third Place – Mario Gibney, Holy Rosary, Lloydminster

Francophone – Grades 10-11

First Place – Laura Laverdure, École Sacred Heart, Yorkton
Second Place – Jordan Bolay, Carleton Collegiate, Prince Albert
Third Place – Pierre Hawkins, 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 a second language. Researching, preparing, writing, memorizing and delivering speeches are activities that will assist students in becoming functionally bilingual, which will benefit them both now and 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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