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Concours d'art oratoire – how do you say success?

Saskatoon, May 5 2010 – Pokémon, water, high-paid athletes, the Rocky Mountains, and the Mac versus PC argument. These are some of the many fascinating subjects that were discussed by the winning participants at the provincial final of Concours d'art oratoire on May 1, 2010.

Over 45 contestants came from locations across Saskatchewan to take part in this French spoken oratory contest. Students from grade six to 12 took part in the competition, bringing along their family and friends to encourage them. Each participant won at the regional level to qualify for the provincial final.

"You are all winners," said Eric Bolay, Vice-President of Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

"It's the combination of hard work, research and preparation that has gotten you all to this level. You should be proud of what you've accomplished here today."

Winners in each category were as follows:

Grade 6:

French Immersion

1st Place – Bob Millette, École St. Pius X, Regina - *Le salaire des athletes professionnels*

2nd Place – Esma Mouhoub, École Wilfred Walker, Regina - *Alexander Milton Ross*

3rd Place – Hennessey Chartier Ford, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon – *Les elections et mon experience*

Francophone

1st Place – Anne Sophie Fortier, École Zenon Park, Zenon Park – *Grisette, l'incroyable chaton*

Grade 7:

French Immersion

1st Place – Jessica Scott, École St. Pius X, Regina – *Une ville qui s'enfoncé*

2nd Place – Jaiden Christopher, École St. Paul, Saskatoon – *Les mérites de se déplacer lentement*

3rd Place – Emma Kate Harold, École Massey, Regina – *Une nouvelle façon d'enseigner*

Grade 8:

French Immersion

1st Place – Michelle Tomaszewicz, École St. Angela Merici, Regina – 2012

2nd Place – Anna Pham, École St. Angela Merici, Regina – *La pauvreté: Une bataille ingagnable?*

3rd Place – Emily Rempel, École St. Matthew, Regina – *Les animaux en voie d'extinction*

Grades 9 and 10:

Core Special

1st Place – Arthur Hamilton, Luther College, Regina (Grade 9) – *Les Pokemons*

2nd Place – Sarah Bergbusch, Luther College, Regina (Grade 9) – *Les droits des femmes*

French Immersion

1st Place – Julia Lenton, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 9) – *Mac contre PC*

2nd Place – Willy Bingham, Thom Collegiate, Regina (Grade 10) – *Les souliers*

3rd Place – Maysa Haque, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 10) – *Les médias et le reportage des désastres naturels*

Francophone

1st Place – Fargol Jenabieh, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 10) – *La révolution Iranienne*

2nd Place – Rachele Paquet, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 9) – *Ca ce prends pour être un véritable leader*

Grades 11 and 12:

Core French:

1st Place – Marika Cameron, Luther College, Regina (Grade 12) – *L'énergie nucléaire en Saskatchewan*

Core Special:

1st Place – Catherine Leurer, Luther College, Regina (Grade 12) – *L'origine du mouvement séparatiste dans la révolution tranquille*

French Immersion:

1st Place – Hurria Gondal, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon (Grade 11) – *Le sang de la terre*

2nd Place – Avnee Paranjape, Campbell Collegiate, Regina (Grade 11) – *Solution ou illusion?*

3rd Place – Philip Munson, École Zenon Park, Zenon Park (Grade 12) – *Le destin prend sa place*

Francophone:

1st Place – Elisabeth Fortier, École Zenon Park, Zenon Park (Grade 11) – *Une aventure dans les Montagnes Rocheuses*

2nd Place – Alexandra Potvin, Luther College, Regina (Grade 11) – *Une expérience qui m'a transformée*

Grade 11 and 12 winners from each category will be heading to the CPF National Concours d'art oratoire to compete for the opportunity to win a \$20,000 scholarship for the University of Ottawa.

Kyle Gamble of Regina represented Saskatchewan at the National Concours in 2007, and won the First Prize in the Extended Core Category. He, now heading into his fourth year at the University of Ottawa, credits CPF – SK and his participation in Concours for his current level of success.

"Taking part in the Concours at the three levels - regional, provincial, and national - was a great way for me to practice public speaking and, especially, for me to be more confident in using French," he said.

"I still use those skills to this day; I have been studying in French immersion at the University of Ottawa, with help from the Concours scholarship. In various classes, I have had to make an oral presentation, in French, and I feel fortunate to have had the solid base of speech preparation and practice from the Concours d'art oratoire. I had never taken a course taught in French before other than core French language classes, but, with the encouragement of the Concours, not only am I taking my courses in French, I am on an exchange in Brussels and am using my second language on a daily, personal basis."

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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