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TRIPLETS COMPETE AT PROVINCIAL FRENCH PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Students gathered from all corners of the province after three years to participate in French public speaking contest

Halifax. May 9th, 2022: In a first for the Concours d'art oratoire, provincially and nationally, a set of triplets competed in the early immersion category. Executive Director Rebecca Lancaster who has organized the event since 2005 commented, "We have students who participate each year, and we have definitely had multiple siblings compete from a family, but I have never had a set of triplets participating!"

Over eighty French second and first-language students in grades 5-12 competed in the provincial Concours d'art oratoire, Canada's French public speaking contest this past weekend. The event took place at **Mount Saint-Vincent University**. This year marks the 38th year of the annual provincial French public speaking competition. This year was especially exciting as it was the first time since 2019 that the event was held in person.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF), Nova Scotia President Kate Ashley welcomed the participating students at the opening ceremony. The **Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MP for Halifax West** also gave remarks. Her Honour Metlege Diab spoke about the importance of students continuing their French Language education and how being able to communicate in both official languages has greatly impacted her professional life.

After presenting their speeches, students, families and teachers enjoyed a bilingual magic show by **Remi Boudreau, Magicien & Illusionniste**. Remi Boudreau from Dieppe, NB has been performing for over 20 years and it certainly showed! With charisma and passion, he performed magic tricks involving animals, dollar bills, and fake snow that kept the crowd entertained!

CPF Nova Scotia would like to thank the many volunteers who made this event possible. This event attracts bilingual volunteers from the Francophone community, local universities and high schools.

Students from grades 5 to 12 received medals and prizes. The winners in grade 11/12 also receive renewable entrance scholarships to **Université Sainte-Anne** and **Université de Moncton**. The grade 11/12 winners of the provincial competition now move on to the national competition. The national competition will be held virtually again this year. The winners of the **National Concours d'art oratoire** will be announced June 17, 2022 on the Canadian Parents for French website, www.cpf.ca

Sponsorship for this event was received from: Nova Scotia Education and Early Childhood Development, Université Sainte-Anne, Université de Moncton, Mount Saint Vincent University and Canadian Heritage. With the continuing support of our sponsors and volunteers, Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia is able to organize and present the provincial Concours d'art oratoire.

The complete list of provincial **Concours d'art oratoire** winners can be found at ns.cpf.ca. Photos will be posted on the **CPF Nova Scotia** Facebook page as well as ns.cpf.ca.

Félicitations à tous nos lauréats!

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For more information and photos, please contact Nicole Kabalen, Communications Officer (Atlantic Region) at 902-453-2048 or toll free at 1-888-CPF-5233.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers that values French as an integral part of Canada and is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French second language opportunities for young Canadians.

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Photo of Concours d'art oratoire 2022 winners posted below

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2022 CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE MEDALLISTS
French Public Speaking Contest

5/6 Core French/Français de base

- Gold Julia Hartley of Falmouth, Windsor Forks Elementary, AVRCE
Camping en caravane
- Silver Lilli Pestill of Vaughan, Windsor Forks Elementary School, AVRCE
L'histoire des Afro-descendants

Gr. 6 Intensive French/Français intensif

- Gold Maria Bryson of Wileville, Hebbville Academy, SSRCE
Mon sport préféré
- Silver Katelyn McDow of Italy Cross, Hebbville Academy, SSRCE
Le soccer

5/6 Early Immersion/Immersion précoce

- Gold Aria Pile of Halifax, LeMarchant - St. Thomas Elementary School, HRCE
Oak Island
- Silver Emma DeFreitas of Halifax, LeMarchant – St. Thomas Elementary School, HRCE
Le média sociale: bon ou mauvaise?

5/6 Francophone

- Gold Marley McPhee of Timberlea, École Beaubassin, CSAP
L'écriture
- Silver Jules Simard-Béland of Halifax, LeMarchant – St. Thomas Elementary School, HRCE
Les forêts de vanech

7/8 Integrated French/Français intensif

- Gold Dhara Vani Fitzgerald of Halifax, Halifax Grammar School, CAIS
La Francophonie
- Silver Ashika Da Silver of Dartmouth, Halifax Grammar School, CAIS
La chirurgie

7/8 Late Immersion/Immersion tardive

- Gold Maggie Smith of Whites Lake, Brookside Junior High, HRCE
Mon frère et le mot "r"
- Silver Alli LeBlanc of Valley, Bible Hill Junior High, CCRCE
Les aventures du ski alpin
- Silver Brooke MacKenzie of Murray Siding, Bible Hill Junior High, CCRCE
Mes vacances à Cap-Breton

7/8 Early Immersion/Immersion précoce

- Gold Isla Doncaster of Dartmouth, Dartmouth South Academy, HRCE
Le changement climatique et pourquoi on devrait agir
- Silver Colette Peng of Wolfville, Evangeline Middle School, AVRCE
J'apprends à être reconnaissante

7/8 Francophone

- Gold Henrik Armenta of Dartmouth , École secondaire du Carrefour, CSAP
L'asthme
- Silver Emeric Leys of Dartmouth, École secondaire du Carrefour, CSAP
Sparticus

9/10 Core French/Français de base

- Gold Ziqing Ni of Halifax, Halifax Grammar School, CAIS
Les bien-faits de la musique sur la santé mentale
- Silver Thomas Ransom of Halifax, Halifax Grammar School, CAIS
L'écart de salaire entré les athlètes masculins et féminins

9/10 Integrated French/Français intensif

- Gold Xinghao Li of Halifax, Halifax Grammar School, CAIS
Mon expérience avec la musique
- Silver Tyler MacLean, Northumberland Regional High School, CCRCE
L'art de la connexion humaine

9/10 Middle Immersion/Immersion moyenne

- Gold Alanna MacKinnon, Northumberland Regional High School, CCRCE
L'importance de l'agriculture
- Silver Savannah Pitman, Northumberland Regional High School, CCRCE
La mode de vie étudiant

9/10 Late Immersion/Immersion tardive

- Gold Felicity Paulin of Hartlin Settlement, Oyster Pond Academy, HRCE
La santé mentale en 2022

9/10 Francophone

- Gold Nathan Keeton, Northumberland Regional High School, CCRCE
Les cheveux de guerre
- Silver Callum Keeton,, Northumberland Regional High School, CCRCE
Les trous noirs

11/12 Core French/Français de base

- Gold Maya Johnson of Halifax, Halifax Grammar School, CAIS
Tourisme au Zoo d'Australie

11/12 Integrated French/Français intensif

- Gold Bryanna Atkinson of Bridgetown, Bridgetown Regional High School, AVRCE
Comment le français m'a béni
- Silver Autumn Atkinson of Bridgetown, Bridgetown Regional High School, AVRCE
L'éducation entre les gens
- Bronze Leon Wasiliew of Paradise, Bridgetown Regional High School, AVRCE
L'avantage personnel du multilinguisme

11/12 Late Immersion/Immersion tardive

- Gold Asem Khattabe of Halifax, Citadel High School, HRCE
L'internet - plus proche or plus loin
- Silver Alicia Leguizamón of Halifax, Halifax Grammar School, CAIS
L'histoire de la musique

11/12 Early Immersion/Immersion précoce

Gold Oliver Baker of Kentville, Northeast Kings Education Centre, AVRCE

La traite des humains

Silver Disha Deepchand of Halifax, Citadel High School, HRCE

L'importance du multilinguisme

Bronze Dishita Deepchand of Halifax, Citadel High School, HRCE

L'importance de l'éducation

11/12 Francophone

Gold Sophia Hanna of Stewiacke, École acadienne du Truro, CSAP

La Passion

Definitions:

AVRCE	Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education
CAIS	Canadian Association of Independent Schools
CBVRCE	Cape Breton-Victoria Regional Centre for Education
CCRCE	Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education
CSAP	Conseil scolaire Acadien provincial
HRCE	Halifax Regional Centre for Education
SRCE	Strait Regional Centre for Education
SSRCE	South Shore Regional Centre for Education
TCRCE	Tri-County Regional Centre for Education



