

French for the Future

AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR IN TERMS
OF GROWTH

2016-2017 YEAR-END REVIEW



Le français pour l'avenir
French for the Future



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A message from our **FOUNDER**



In 1997, a small group of us saw a need. An important need. Canada had decided decades before to make increasingly real the bilingual nature of the country. Programs and school boards were expanded for Francophone Canada and a whole new system was created to encourage Anglophone Canada: French Immersion.

By the 1990s we had reason to be both proud of this system, and worried about it. Too many young people were leaving French Immersion between Grades 8 and 10. Lisa Balfour Bowen and I created French for the Future to help keep these kids in the system – to help them live the adventure of having both of Canada's languages and cultures; to play their full role as citizens who may come from Victoria or Moncton, but can relate to the whole country.

Now our ambition is broader than ever. We work for and bring together students from Immersion, from Core French, from the Canadian Francophonie. We reach out to new Canadians. We have our Local Forums across the country bringing together thousands of teenage students to share their experiences and learn about the lifelong benefits bilingualism has to offer. Then there is our great National Ambassador Youth Forum, where students from across Canada find role models and form lifelong friendships based on a shared interest in speaking French. And our ever larger scholarship program, which is tied to our National Essay Contest.

In 2017, hardly a week has gone by without someone in their 20s or 30s coming up to me to recount their French for the Future experience and to explain how it changed their lives. In the most human and cultural ways we have made, and continue to make, our society a better place.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John Ralston Saul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John Ralston Saul, C.C. OOnt.
FOUNDER AND HONORARY PRESIDENT

A message from the **PRESIDENT**



It is with great pride that I can announce that the 2016–2017 year was, much like the year that came before it, an excellent year for French for the Future and its activities. The organization not only reached but exceeded its goals for its activities, administration, and governance.

Our programs remained as popular as ever, and as you'll see in the pages that follow, witnessed an incredible 155% increase in the total number of participants!

From this number, we can draw two major conclusions. First, this is a reflection of the growing acceptance of the benefits of bilingualism among the general population, and their persistent search for resources and programs in French that are relevant, entertaining, and interesting to Canadian youth.

Second, this growth highlights the exceptional work of our permanent head-office team, our local coordinators, and the volunteers, all of whom took on this growing demand and delivered quality programs

to students by partnering with teachers, school boards, and members of the community throughout the country.

Thank you for bringing our mission to life. Thank you for showing students the reality of the French language and culture across the country, and the way they bring Canadians together from coast to coast.

Thank you to our founders, our donors, our sponsors, and postsecondary partners without whom none of this would be possible. Finally, thank you to everyone who believed in us and supported us unconditionally in the development of tomorrow's bilingual generation.

Micheline Dubé
PRESIDENT, 2015-2017

Who WE ARE



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

French for the Future is run by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Caption : Sean Ingram, Matt Herrington, Drew Fagan, Denis Fontaine, Tannie Ng, Danielle Arcand, Michael Salvatori, Max Cooke, Micheline Dubé, Ania Kolodziej and Patrick Lachance

Founded in 1997, French for the Future is a national not-for-profit organization that aims to inspire a passion for official bilingualism in students from Grade 7 to Grade 12.

French for the Future's objective is to deliver quality programs and events to Canadian students by helping them develop their leadership skills with the National Ambassador Youth Forum, their expertise through Local Forums and Franconnexion sessions, and their linguistic confidence through the National Essay Contest.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Micheline Dubé
PRESIDENT



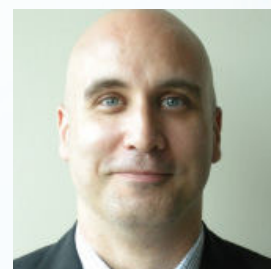
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VICE PRESIDENT



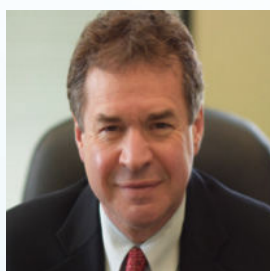
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TREASURER



Danielle Arcand
SECRETARY



Max Cooke
**PAST
PRESIDENT**



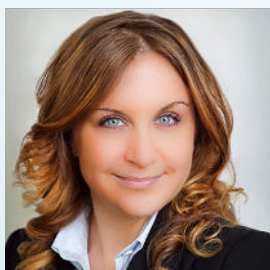
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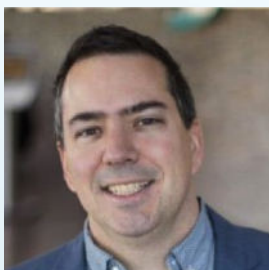
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Sean Ingram



Ania Kolodziej

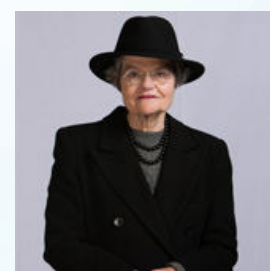


Patrick Lachance



Tannie Ng

DIRECTORS



Lisa Balfour Bowen
**FOUNDING
PRESIDENT**



John Ralston Saul
**FOUNDER AND
HONORARY PRESIDENT**

ADVISORY MEMBERS



Thank you!

French for the Future would like to offer a warm thank you to Hughie Batherson and Karim Manaa, whose terms on the Board of Directors ended at the Annual General Meeting on November 14, 2016.

Hughie Batherson, Vice-President of Student Affairs at l'Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia, joined the Board of Directors in 2009. A true Francophile and a champion for bilingualism, Mr. Batherson is constantly promoting the organization by sharing his language learning experiences and winning over crowds with his famous horn honk at various French for the future events.

Karim Manaa, is a partner at Deloitte Canada, and was involved with French for the Future as the organization's treasurer since 2010, allowing the organization to benefit from his management and auditing experience.

National OFFICE STAFF

French for the Future's daily operations are managed by a permanent team based out of the national office in Toronto.



Pier-Nadeige Jutras
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Myriam El Anbri
**COMMUNICATIONS AND
EVENTS COORDINATOR**



Emeline Leurent
**PROGRAM
COORDINATOR**



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**OPERATIONS
AND FINANCE
COORDINATOR**

OUR TEAM IN THE FIELD

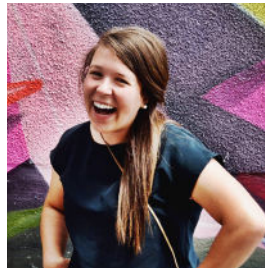
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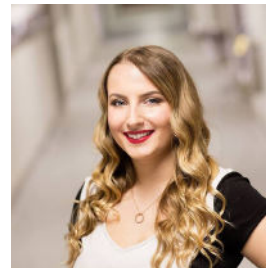
Yann Lacoste
COORDINATOR



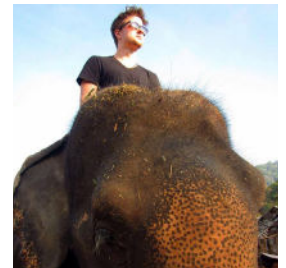
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Sophie Hinch
**GROUP
LEADER**

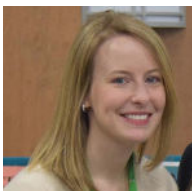


Nicolette Belliveau
**GROUP
LEADER**



Landon Doell
**GROUP
LEADER**

Local Forum Coordinators



Erin MacDonald
**HALIFAX,
NOVA SCOTIA**



Joanne Dupuis
**WINNIPEG,
MANITOBA**



Maxime Bourgeois
**FREDERICTON,
NEW BRUNSWICK**



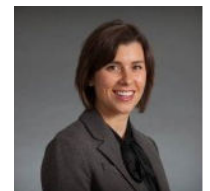
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QUEBEC**



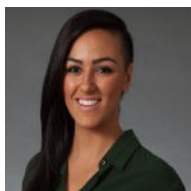
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**TORONTO,
ONTARIO**



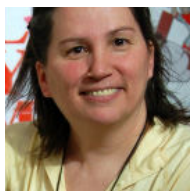
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**VANCOUVER AND VICTORIA,
BRITISH COLUMBIA**



Renée Michaud
OTTAWA, ONTARIO



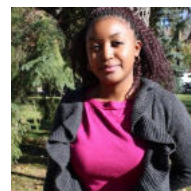
Jessie Nasr
OTTAWA, ONTARIO



Danielle Bonneau
**WHITEHORSE,
YUKON**



Susan Forward
**ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND AND
LABRADOR**



Sarah Arlene Nyakeru
**EDMONTON,
ALBERTA**



Diana Boisvert
**GRANDE PRAIRIE,
ALBERTA**



Jean-Marc Arseneau
**MONCTON,
NEW BRUNSWICK**

review of
French future's
for the 2016-2017 programs

4 PROGRAMS

9,189

PARTICIPANTS
IN 2015-2016

23,388

PARTICIPANTS
IN 2016-2017

A RECORD GROWTH OF

↑ 155%

Local FORUMS



OUR FRENCH DAYS ARE AS POPULAR AS EVER!

One of French for the Future's founding programs, which remains highly requested year after year, Local Forums are interactive conference events held over a whole day, providing students from Grade 9 to Grade 12 the opportunity to discover and learn the cultural and professional value of being bilingual. Local Forums focus on fostering a dialogue between French as a Second Language and French First Language students, while celebrating Francophone culture.

22%

of students who did not intend to pursue their education in French changed their minds after taking part in a Local Forum.

68%

of students leave Local Forums feeling proud to speak French!

Speaking French like
this, in a fun way, is
way too cool!"

Student
Montreal Local Forum

"It's such a beautiful way to
bring together Francophone and
Francophile students within the
same event. It's a rare opportunity
for them to socialize in French
outside of a school setting."

Teacher
Halifax Local Forum

"Excellent opportunity
for youth to meet other
youth in immersion."

Student
Winnipeg Local Forum

"Terrific day, educational,
creative and rallying all at
once! Bravo!"

Teacher
Fredericton Local Forum





3,203 PARTICIPANTS

14 LOCAL FORUMS

154 SCHOOLS

65 SCHOOL BOARDS

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Calgary, Alberta – April 14, 2016

Paul Boucher, Susan Brims, Lesley Doell, Denis Fontaine, Christa Finch, Valère Gagnon, Christie Jensen, Tarik Misho, Francine Payant, Julia Wowkodaw, Michael Tryon, Élise Tanguay

Halifax, Nova Scotia – April 19, 2016

Rebecca Lancaster, Peggy Watts, Hughie Batherson, Sophie Beaulé, Juliana Bernard, Tim Brown, Tony Bucci, Irène Oore, Larry Steeles, Lucie Taussig

Winnipeg, Manitoba – April 19, 2016

Renée Beaudry, Kai Roberts, Gabriel Roberts

Montreal, Quebec – April 22, 2016

Jean-Alix Louis-Charles, Michael Cohen, Martine Delsemmes, Chantal Enault, Jacinthe Leclerc, Layla Khanji, Laurianne Smolla, Marla Williams, Charles Taker, Alison Maynard, Jean-Michel Sauri

Toronto, Ontario – April 22, 2016

Solange Belluz, Julie Léger, Shabbir Auhamud, Mehdi Chaji, Nada Benachim, Sebastien Rême, Alexia Polito, Ron Felsen, Debra Muchnik, Paul Leclerc, Claire Young, Abban Yusuf, Areej Hashmi

Fredericton, New Brunswick – April 26, 2016

Stephanie Henry, Delaney Beck, Zack Day, Marie-Josée Paulin, Madeleine Gorman-Asal, Keely Rutter, Stephanie Shaw-Morin, Marie-Claire Laroche, Olivia Bizimungu, Phoebe Mason, Peter Mason, Hélène Pelletier

Ottawa, Ontario – April 29, 2016

Marc Gobeil, Alexandra Pinet, Françoise Bélanger, Oscar Van Rijn, Phil Sabourin, Michelle Murphy, Josée Graveline, Mélissa Hachey

Whitehorse, Yukon – April 29, 2016

Yann Herry

Vancouver, British Columbia – April 29, 2016

Rébecca Brassard, Adrien Rebselj, Darian Pang, Célia Saunier, Mohammed Younesi, Yann Lacoste, Marina Bishara, Emma Germain, Ashton Ramsay, Stéphane Ethier

Victoria, British Columbia – May 26, 2016

Olivia Rousseau, Meggin Crisp

Moncton, New Brunswick – November 3, 2016

Jessica Haché, Charlene Vienneau, Darra Harris, Mélanie Doucet, Gabrielle O'Brian-Gaudet, Aicha Salah, Elizabeth MacLaughlin, Sandy Levesque, Gabrielle Boucher, Sean Murray

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador – December 6, 2016

Gennita Bartlett, Jacqueline Rideout, Gillian Blackmore, Emily Rowe, Suzelle Lavallée, Claude Schryburt, Jakiera Rideout

Edmonton, Alberta – February 24, 2017

Amy Vachon-Chabot, Anne-José Villeneuve, Dany-Gladys Kezimana-Bazira, Marie-Christine Jutras, Victorine Abe Mimbe, Étienne Alary, Zoë Avner, Sonia Duschenes, Gabrielle Engli, Denis Fontaine, Billal Hajji, Emma Yellowbird

Grande Prairie, Alberta – March 16, 2017

Michel Bélanger, Julia Martin, Michelle Margarit, Ginette Pelé, Michelle Hunter, Mélanie Simard, Myriam Miller, Sylvette Fillion, Ousmane Gueye, Emily Faulkner, Daniel DeMedeiros, Emily Powers







National Ambassador YOUTH FORUM

A LOOK BACK AT A MEMORABLE WEEK!

The National Ambassador Youth Forum (NAYF) has brought together bilingual students in Grade 10 and Grade 11 from all across Canada since 2004.

The 13th edition of this event, held from August 22 to 26 in Toronto, Ontario, did not disappoint. 24 young Francophones and Francophiles took part in a series of interactive workshops in French, naturally. The ambassadors, far from remaining idle, took part in leadership workshops, attended a conference from the Office of the French Language Services Commissioner of Ontario and visited Radio-Canada's studios.

The ambassadors also had the pleasure of meeting one of French for the Future's two founders, John Ralston Saul, during his conference "The Success of Bilingualism and Biculturalism in Support of the Causes of Others," presented to an audience from Toronto's Francophone community at the University of Toronto.



MEET FRENCH FOR THE FUTURE'S 2016 AMBASSADORS

ALBERTA

- Maria Fernanda Ruiz, Calgary
- Celeste Lovlin, Sherwood Park
- Sean Sander, Lethbridge

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Julia Albert, White Rock
- Lorraine Fabre, Vancouver
- Luis Alberto Meléndez, Coquitlam

MANITOBA

- Anna Schaible-Schur, Winnipeg
- Danèle Déquier, Sainte-Anne
- Cassandra Phaneuf, Winnipeg

NEW BRUNSWICK

- Olivia Bizimungu, Fredericton
- Sophie Thériault, Upper Kingsclear
- Joël Dubé, Saint-Quentin

NOVA SCOTIA

- Adrien Boudreau, Dartmouth
- Jack Lynds, North River

ONTARIO

- Lisa Zaher, Ottawa
- Saba-Sadat Mirabolghasemi, Richmond Hill
- Denice Pepe, London
- Cem Torun, Mississauga

- Antonin Petiteville, Oakville
- Roxanne Masson, Brampton

SASKATCHEWAN

- Renée Wahl, Regina

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

- Katelyn Mayo, St. John's
- Shelby-Lynn Kerfont, Mainland

YUKON

- Julian Beairsto, Whitehorse



**A very special thanks to the 2016 NAYF's partners and sponsors,
without whom this event would not have been possible!**



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de l'Ontario



Office of the
French Language Services
Commissioner of Ontario

Office of the
Commissioner of
Official Languages



Commissariat
aux langues
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AFTER THE NAYF

The participants' adventures are far from over. Their mission throughout the school year is to get involved in their communities and organize activities to allow "la francophonie" to spread throughout the country.

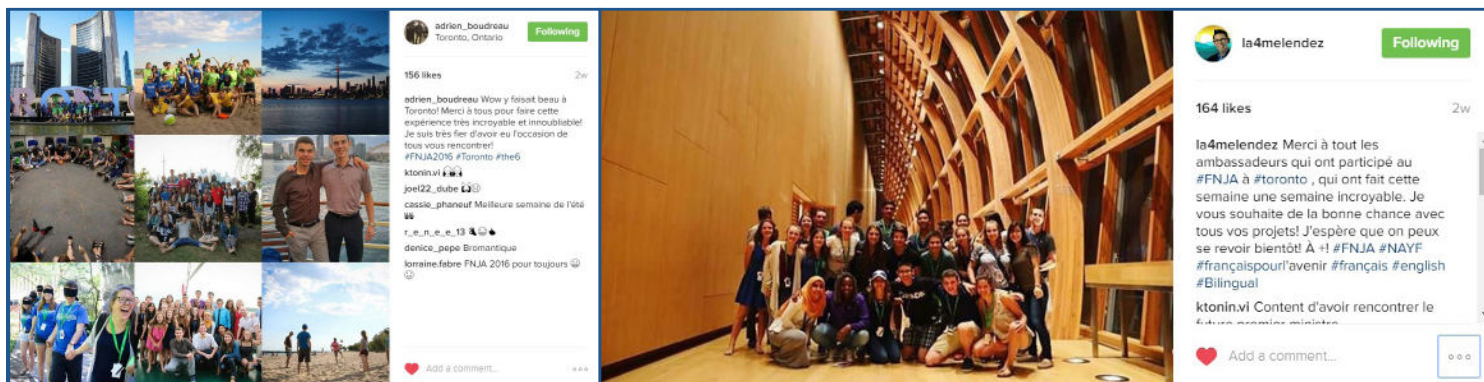
Examples of activities undertaken by our ambassadors: (incomplete list)

- Involvement in a French club
- Reunion of immersion graduates
- Organizing Franconnexion Sessions
- Promotion of French in elementary school classes, panel discussions
- Writing articles in newspapers
- Organizing Christmas community brunch
- Promoting our organization and French in general through social media

NUMBERS

2,430 STUDENTS GOT INVOLVED IN

50 ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY OUR AMBASSADORS.



"I'm going to promote Francophone art and music with the kids at my school, and reinforce the importance of speaking French well beyond high school"

Olivia Bizimungu
Fredericton, New Brunswick

"Bilingualism is important, useful, and above all, necessary in Canada!
#FNJA2016 Long live French!"

Antonin Petiteville
Oakville, Ontario

LUIS MELÉNDEZ, AN EXAMPLE OF A COMMITTED AMBASSADOR

Luis Meléndez, Coquitlam, British Columbia



Luis Meléndez, an ambassador from 2016, proclaimed at the end of the NAYF that the week he had just spent surrounded by fellow teens who are actively involved with and passionate about Canada's official languages was without a doubt one of the best experiences of his life. With all the knowledge he gained during the NAYF, he is determined to keep bilingualism as a part of his life, and to share his enthusiasm with his community in Vancouver. When he returned to school, he organized a number of presentations on the advantages and opportunities that come with being bilingual, and shared his own experience at the NAYF of being confronted with Canada's various linguistic realities.

Luis offered over a dozen presentations to French Immersion and Core French students. Mrs. Barbe-Chin, who teaches French as a Second Language, was thrilled to have him speak to her class. "I think my students really benefited and want to continue studying French as a Second Language."

Mr. Hakieem, a French Immersion teacher, agreed that "Luis perfectly fulfills his role as a French for the Future ambassador and is truly a role model to all our French Immersion students."

Luis is also involved with the organizing committee for the Local Forums in Vancouver and Victoria. His passion, dynamism, and fresh ideas make him an invaluable team member during the preparation of these events, as well as on the big day.

More committed than ever, Luis recently submitted his application for the Prime Minister's Youth Council, with many issues that he wishes to discuss with this group. "It won't be easy, but thanks to the experience, support, and passion I developed through French for the Future, I know it can happen!"







National Essay CONTEST



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French for the Future

FRENCH FOR THE FUTURE'S

**NATIONAL
ESSAY
CONTEST**

**MORE THAN
\$200,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE WON!**

» THEME:
Write a 750-word letter, in French, addressed to your future self that you will read in 10 years. Your letter must contain the words: "*passion*," "*rêve(s)*," "*bilingue*," "*français*," "*se dépasser*," "*accomplir*" and "*futur*".*

CELEBRITY JUDGE
CHRIS HADFIELD

* *passion, dream(s), bilingual, French, surpass (oneself), achieve and future.*

DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 16TH 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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COLLÈGE BORÉAL

From British Columbia to Newfoundland,

over 600 Francophone and Francophile students from Grade 10 to Grade 12 took part in the Contest, submitting a time capsule-related essay on the following theme: "Write a 750-word letter, in French, addressed to your future self that you will read in 10 years. Your letter must contain the words: *passion*, *rêve(s)*, *bilingue*, *français*, *se dépasser*, *accomplir* and *futur* (*passion, dream(s), bilingual, French, surpass (oneself), achieve and future*)."

Using this theme, French for the Future offered students an opportunity to reflect on their futures and imagine the person they wish to be in 10 years.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Collège Boréal joined the National Essay Contest as French for the Future's first college-level partner. Collège Boréal is a Francophone College of Applied Arts and Technology serving Northern and Central Southwestern Ontario. Collège Boréal offers scholarships valid for any one of its locations that provide post-secondary education (Sudbury, Timmins, Hearst, Nipissing, Kapuskasing, Temiskaming, Toronto, Hamilton, Welland, and Windsor). Exciting new opportunities for our participants!

617 PARTICIPANTS

72 SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY

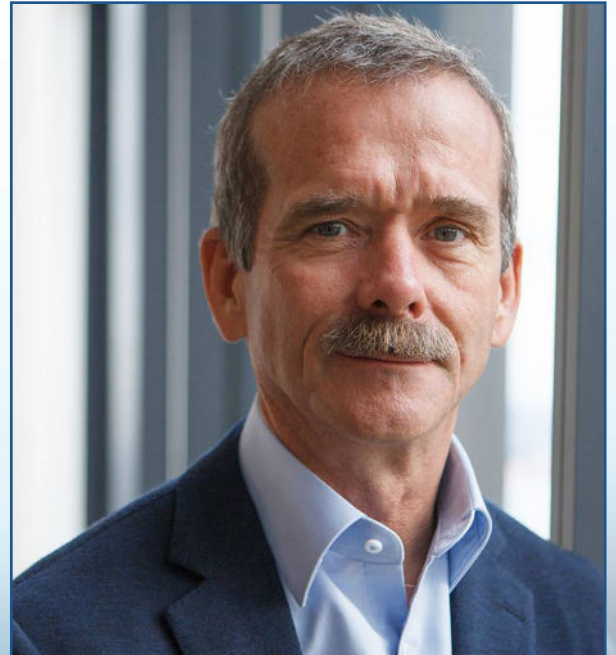
8 PARTICIPATING
POSTSECONDARY
INSTITUTIONS

\$209,000 AWARDED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS

462,750 WORDS

CELEBRITY JUDGE COLONEL CHRIS HADFIELD

It was a true honour for us to have Colonel Chris Hadfield as this year's National Essay Contest celebrity judge. "Speaking French was a key part of the success in my career as a Pilot officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force and as an astronaut with the Canadian Space Agency," Colonel Chris Hadfield said. "I think speaking both languages is important as a Canadian, both for mutual understanding as well as communication." His path towards bilingualism and his incredible career make him a model for Canadian students everywhere.



WINNERS

Please note that scholarships were awarded according to the order of preference by which the winner ranked each university when registering for the contest. The monetary value of the prize does not necessarily reflect their overall rank as compared to other winners.



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\$12,000 scholarships



French Second Language Category

Robyn Trann / Saskatoon, SK
À bientôt, moi du futur



French First Language Category

Yaye Fatou Diagne / Toronto, ON
Conseils pour une passerelle entre deux âges

\$ 8,000 scholarships



French Second Language Category

Veronica Chen / Vancouver, BC
À l'autre bout de l'arc-en-ciel



French First Language Category

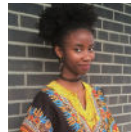
Midley Basquin / Ottawa, ON
L'évocation d'un passé

\$4,000 scholarships



French Second Language Category

SunMin Park / Moncton, NB
Chère future moi



French First Language Category

Rika Mpogazi / Toronto, ON
Les signes qui t'entourent

\$1,000 scholarships

40 finalists in total from both the French Second Language and French First Language categories won \$1,000 scholarships to study at the University of Ottawa. The complete list of winners is available on the French for the Future website.

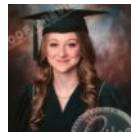


\$10,000 scholarships



French Second Language Category

Rachel Vey / Mount Pearl, NL
À la femme que je voudrais être



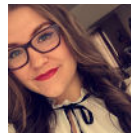
French First Language Category

Danika Chiasson-Beaudin / Shippagan, NB
Ma chère moi du futur



French Second Language Category

Sara Seifert / Saskatoon, SK
Futur Moi



French First Language Category

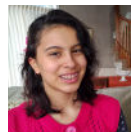
Marie-Michelle Collin / Pointe-Alexandre, NB
Chère moi du futur

\$5,000 scholarships



French Second Language Category

Kaylin Xu / Vancouver, BC
Bon anniversaire !



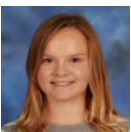
French First Language Category

Sofia Parra / Ottawa, ON
Interrogations d'une fille pour elle-même



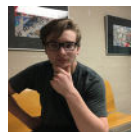
Université de Lethbridge

\$2,000 scholarships



French Second Language Category

Maggie Parnis / Calgary, AB
Lettre à moi



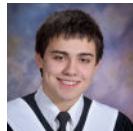
French First Language Category

Erik Trotter / Lethbridge, AB
Lettre à futur moi



\$10,000 scholarships

French Second Language Category
Rhys Buhl / Calgary, AB
Un vrai monologue

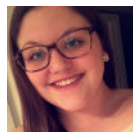


French First Language Category
Joël Dubé / Saint-Quentin, NB
Qu'es-tu devenu ?

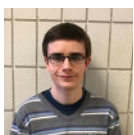


\$5,000 scholarships

French Second Language Category
Emily O'Donnell / Sussex, NB
Mes espérances pour toi

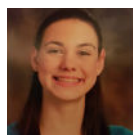


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Chère moi-même, qui a 27 ans

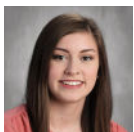


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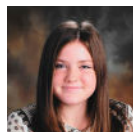
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Cher moi de l'avenir



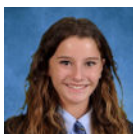
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Le passé un livre fermé, le présent un livre à écrire



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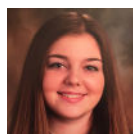


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Rappelle-toi de ce que tu t'étais promis

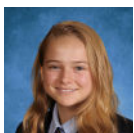


\$1,500 scholarships

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Natalie Cressey / West Vancouver, BC
Ma lettre d'encouragement

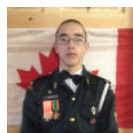


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Jenesse Delaquis / Lorette, MB
Ce que j'aimerais te dire...

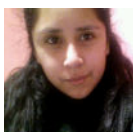


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Kassandra Heilbron / West Vancouver, BC
Ma lettre d'appréciation



French First Language Category
Christiaan Van Dijk / Lethbridge, AB
À lire dans 10 ans



\$5,000 scholarships

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Jessica Lopez Hernandez / Toronto, ON
Lettre à moi-même



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Serge Kacou / Toronto, ON
Mon cher futur avocat

"Supporting and participating in French for the Future's projects and activities is essential, as this organization shares the same values as l'Université Sainte-Anne. Furthermore, it's a network that reaches Francophone and Francophile youth, and by extension serves as a springboard for potential students at our institution."

Hughie Batherson,
Vice-President of Student Affairs at l'Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia

Franconnexion SESSIONS

“What’s the point of speaking French?”

It’s after hearing this question repeatedly that French for the Future realized that what was missing for students was a connection! A connection between what is taught in classrooms and the usefulness, value, and importance of French beyond the school walls. To remedy this situation, French for the Future put together a toolkit that we now offer free of charge to anyone who wants to organize a Franconnexion Session in their school!

FREE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Thanks to a simple online registration process, each facilitator receives digital and physical copies of the material, as well as promotional posters, activities, and everything else they need to plan and carry out their event.

EASY AND FLEXIBLE

Franconnexion Sessions are intended for students from Grades 7 to 12 and can be organized not only by teachers, French program coordinators, or guidance counselors, but also students and ambassadors! They vary in length from one hour to an entire day!

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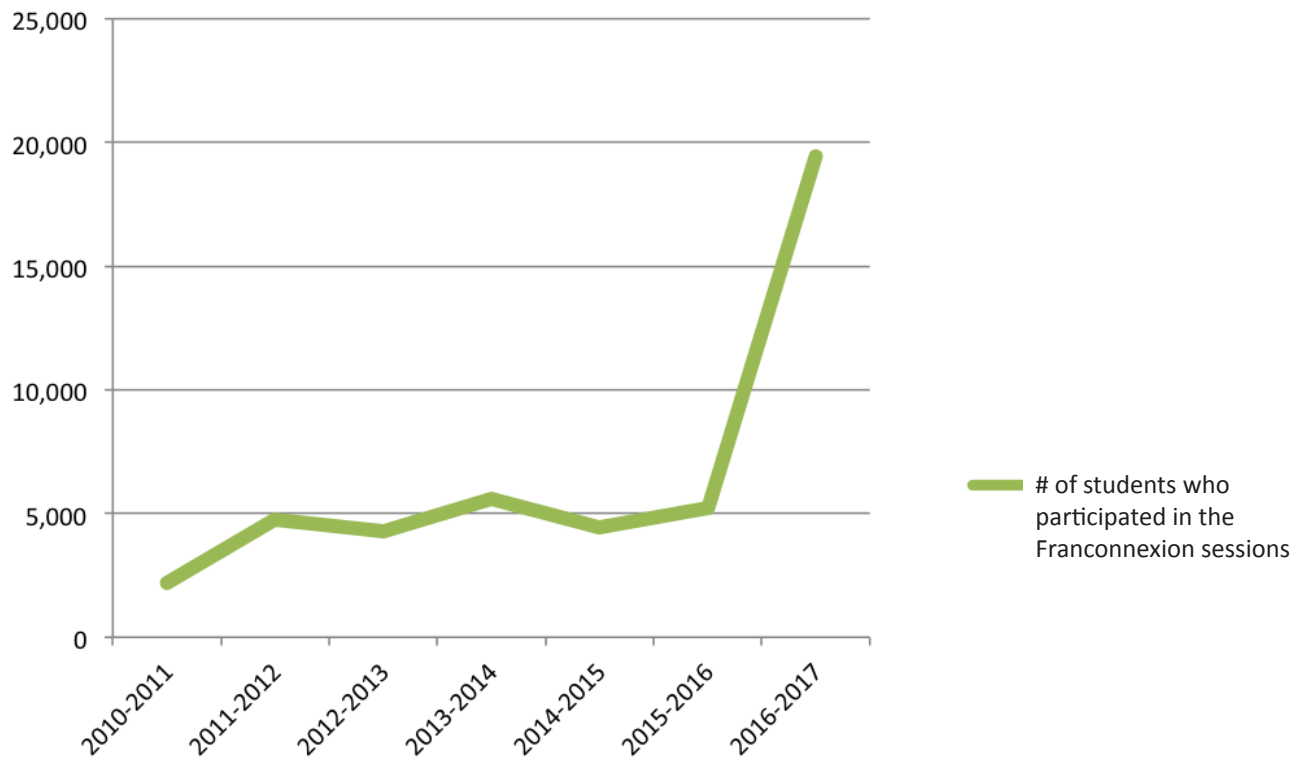
In order to offer updated, exciting resources, French for the Future is always on the lookout for tools adapted to the growing needs of teachers. This year, interactive Kahoots! games as well as new videos were added to the kit.

RECORD GROWTH THIS YEAR!

432 FRANCONNEXION
SESSIONS WERE
ORGANIZED

19,459 STUDENTS
WERE
REACHED

159 SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATED



THE RESULT? Students are motivated and involved in their learning, as they understand the link between the French taught in class and the advantages of bilingualism in everyday life.

"Wonderful, what a terrific work! The 30-day challenge is great; I'm already looking forward to it! More people should know about you and the services you offer!"

Mrs. Julien

*French as a Second Language teacher
Laval Junior Academy*

"I am extremely grateful for these incredible resources! I can't wait to work the activities into my courses as soon as possible."

Mrs. Clarke

*French as a Second Language teacher
Frank Roberts Junior High*

Beyond our **PROGRAMS**

French for the Future is constantly developing new ways to reach out to teachers, parents, program alumni, members of the wider Francophone and Francophile community, and all those who want French to play a role in their lives!

French for the Future raises awareness through:

- our **participation in conferences** across the country
- the sale of our **themed buttons for the holiday season, Halloween and Valentine's Day** (with over 9,300 buttons sold last year!)
- the sale of **posters and promotional items**
- **Encouraging youth to volunteer** in our office, or at our events
- And **updating our social media** with current, relevant content on bilingualism



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