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Mireille Belzile, École des Quatre-Vents student, winner of a 2017 Government of Canada History Award!

St-Isidore, 20, 2018 – The Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest and École des Quatre-Vents wish to congratulate grade 10 student Mireille Belzile who won a scholarship as part of the 2017 Government of Canada History Awards in the High School category.

« Students were required to submit an original piece of writing of no more than 1,000 words in length in the form of a historical essay, a historical work of fiction, or digital content. The submissions had to address one of the following topics: reconciliation with indigenous peoples, the First World War, Expo 67, Canadian identity, or the development of a new national historic site. Submissions were also required to demonstrate original research, historical analysis, a good knowledge of the subject matter, and critical thinking skills. The winners were selected by an independent jury made up history educators. »

(Find out more about [Government of Canada History Awards](#))

Mireille chose the theme of Reconciliation and produced a historical fiction about the reality of a young Aboriginal youth sent to boarding school, where she was separated from her family, culture and traditions. Mireille has written very meaningful and relevant text to represent what was experienced by several First Nations, Métis and Inuit families in Canada. ([Read Mireille's text](#) – in French.)

We would also like to mention the support of the French and Social Studies teacher, Mr. François Bergeron, who introduced the project to the students and who accompanied Mireille. For her excellent work, Mireille receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

École des Quatre-Vents and the Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest are very proud of Mireille and would like to acknowledge and applaud her accomplishment.

The province of Alberta has: 6 finalists in Calgary, 1 in Edmonton and 1 in Peace River.

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