

American Association of Teachers of French

Rhode Island Chapter



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Bonjour professeur de français,

On behalf of the board of the RI chapter of the AATF, I thank you for your participation in the ***Le Grand Concours 2017*** (National French Contest). This year's contest attracted nearly **1,100** students from **39** teachers in **28** schools. I am happy to say that this figure reveals yet another year of excellent participation on the part of Rhode Island's French programs.

Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners in the nation will be invited to the *Annual Prize Ceremony for Students of French in Rhode Island* on **Tuesday, 23 May at 6:30 PM** at **Coventry High School**. For **Honorable Mention winners**, teachers will be able to download certificates from the chapter website to distribute to their students.

We are asking that you **RSVP the name of each student and the total number of people attending** (student + guests) to Kayla Champlin at aatfrilgc@gmail.com by **Monday, 15 May**.

I congratulate you for your dedication, expertise, and support of a contest which not only permits students to showcase their knowledge of the French language and the French-speaking world, but helps to promote your program in your school.

Your students have embarked on the study of an important and influential global language spoken by over 274 million people in over 50 countries around the world. What is more, they have opened themselves up to its history, culture, literature, art, and music which are unparalleled in the world.

The American Association of Teachers of French extends its most profound *félicitations* to you for having inspired your students to attain such heights.

Cordialement,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hébert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Hébert
President



La Francophonie

Used by over 274 million people in more than 50 countries around the world, French is a language for international communication, culture, diplomacy, and business. It improves test scores and reinforces English skills, making French *the* language for today's students.