



CONCOURS de la Maison Française de Cleveland

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Dear Professor of French,

SPRING 2017

The *Maison Française de Cleveland* announces its Annual French *Concours* for College Students:

Date: **Friday, March 31, 2017**

Place: **John Carroll University - Room 101 - O'Malley Center**

Time: **2:00 PM**

Parking: **Free, stop at Guardhouse, request *Visitor's Permit***

Directions and map to JCU campus: Go to <http://sites.jcu.edu/campus-maps/>

The contest consists of two parts: **1) written and 2) oral**

1) **A 500-700 word ESSAY** "*en français*"; hand written, no notes, electronic devices, or dictionaries permitted; a topic chosen from several suggested: Time Limit: 90 minutes; during the essay writing period, candidates will meet one by one with the judges for their oral interview.

2) **A ten minute ORAL EXAMINATION**: a completely impromptu conversation initiated by one of the judges to determine the contestant's ability to handle French in an unanticipated situation.

Each winner of a prize and the professor who recommended the winner are expected to attend the awards banquet as invited guests of the *Maison Française*. It is suggested that participants anticipate the possibility of being winners and keep the date of the awards open.

The presentation will be made at:

Date and Time: SUNDAY, April 23, 2017 11: 30 a.m.

Place: CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 Kemper Rd., Shaker Hts., OH

Additionally, our May event will be a special treat: the brunch will be followed by presentations "*en français*." We have noticed that every year our brunch guests and members are delighted to see so many talented young people exhibit their love for French and Francophone language and culture, that it seems the logical choice to feature the "*lauréats*" themselves as the performers. So, again this year, the program committee will invite and feature our *Concours* "*lauréats*" to be the presenters. After we have distributed the prizes, we would like to ask each instructor to introduce his or her contest winner, after which the student is invited to talk about him or herself and any additional topic of his or her choice. We are thinking of only a very short impromptu presentation, of 3-4- or perhaps 5 minutes at the most. We are sure that our guests will be charmed! All this, plus the chance to cheer for our high school and college winners of our annual *Concours*!

Please encourage your best students to participate. Have them fill out the registration form (please make extra copies if needed), and verify the information before you sign the form. Registrations must be in our hands no later than **Thursday, March 30, 2017 by or before 3:00 pm**. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call Martha at **216-397-4723**. Forms may also be returned via e-mail attachment (**preferred**) either pdf scan or in Word: mpereszlenyi@jcu.edu; FAX: 216-397-4653 (new) or:

By **US mail, send to** : Dr. Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter, *Maison Française* Contest Coordinator,
Dept. of Classical & Modern Languages & Cultures, John Carroll University

1 John Carroll Blvd, University Hts., OH 44118 *****Please note change in JCU's street address from previous years! Also, if you do not receive confirmation soon after sending please contact me.**

Do feel free to circulate this letter among your teacher colleagues in your college/university. Information is also available on our *Maison - CONCOURS* website at JCU at <http://webserv.jcu.edu/language/maison/> . You may also consult the *Maison* website directly and click on "*Concours*": <http://maisonfrancaisedecleveland.org>

If you are not already a member of the *Maison Française*, will you give serious thought to joining our ranks? One privilege of membership is the right to present one of your best students besides the one presented by your school.

Sincerely yours,

B. Douglas Amberman, Président

Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter, Contest Coordinator