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## **French Poetry Contest Celebrates Student Performance and Literature**

*Summary: The 30th Annual Edith R. Farrell French Poetry Contest will take place on April 5th at 7p.m.*

MORRIS, Minnesota (Date)—The 30th Annual Edith R. Farrell French Poetry Contest will take place on Tuesday, April 5th at 7 p.m. in Oyate Hall. The contest will showcase the students' proficiency in the French language and their appreciation of the culture's written arts. In addition to celebrating French and francophone poetry, this event will recognize University of Minnesota, Morris students who have shown studious dedication to the linguistics and culture of France.

Students will present songs and poems they have chosen for the contest. Contestants have perfected pronunciation, rhythm, and intonation while learning works from celebrated French and francophone poets like Anna de Noailles, Jacques Prévert, Léopold Sédar Senghor, and Paul Verlaine. Prizes will be awarded in categories for best reading at the beginners, intermediate, and advanced levels. There will be a Judge's Choice category for most creative or musical performance as well.

At the event, new members will be inducted into the French National Honor Society Pi Delta Phi. These students will be honored for their exceptional commitment to the study of French language, culture, and history. For the past 30 years, this event has been a highlight of the French Discipline, and it represents one of Morris' most long-standing traditions.

The Annual French Poetry Contest is sponsored by the Division of the Humanities French Discipline and the Entre Nous French Club. It is held in honor of Edith Farrell, long-time professor of French at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

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