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Winners of Speakers' Speech Writing Contest Announced

June 15, 2017 (Ottawa) – The Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable George J. Furey and the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Geoff Regan, are pleased to announce the winners of the Speakers' Speech Writing Contest.

Many of the milestones in Canadian history over the last 150 years are marked by a speech. Sir John A. MacDonald's impassioned plea for Confederation, the Queen's Speech from the Throne, President Barack Obama's address to Parliament; these are just a few of the speeches that have marked and captured the spirit of the nation at various intersections of Canadian history.

The contest winners continue this tradition, and help mark the latest turning point in Canadian history, the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

The winner in the 12 – 14 age group is **Lindsay LeRoux** from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- **Winner Lindsay LeRoux, Winnipeg, Manitoba** – [Read the speech](#)
- **Finalist: Braden Marshall, Fall River, Nova Scotia** – [Read the speech](#)
- **Finalist: Charlotte Lafleur-Marcotte, Québec, Québec** – [Read the speech](#)

The winner of the 15 – 17 age group is **Ophélie Desfossés** from Trois-Rivières, Québec.

- **Winner: Ophélie Desfossés, Trois-Rivière, Québec** – [Read the speech](#)
- **Finalist: Arman Barzkar, Victoria, British Columbia**
- **Finalist: Asha Mior, Delta, British Columbia** – [Read the speech](#)

Organized to commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary, the Speakers' Speech Writing Contest is a national program for students aged 12 to 17. In 750 or 1000 words, applicants were asked to describe what Parliament means to them. Winners were announced at a special reception at Parliament for the six (6) selected finalists, three (3) from each age category.

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