

## FSL Teacher Awards

2022-2023

Canadian Parents for French recognizes teachers' efforts, their dedication, and their contributions to official languages bilingualism.

Throughout the country, we celebrate teaching professionals who ensure the delivery of quality French as a second language programs and their engagement setting up students for bilingual success.

### ALBERTA BRANCH

### FRENCH IMMERSION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



STEPHANIE FITZGERALD
Joe Clark School
Foothills School Division,
High River, AB

Stephanie has built an environment focused on creativity and teamwork to encourage her students to grow within her classroom. She provides enrichment for her students through French cultural activities.

#### FI/FSL LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD



MARIE ASTRID DETHARET Chinook's Edge, School Division, AB

Marie-Astrid is an exemplary ambassador for French immersion and her passion for the language and culture is evident. She helps develop creative ideas for teachers in the district and dedicates her time to provide enrichment opportunities for the success of the programs, teachers and students — she leads with her heart.

#### FSL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



ALISSA ALAS
Riverston Public School,
Grand Prairie Public School Division,
Grand Prairie, AB

Alissa's passion for French education and culture motivates her students and the school. Parents and students credit Alissa for the vibrant and flourishing French atmosphere at her school. Not only does she encourage her students, but because of her varied teaching methods, she pushes them to succeed – and they thrive.

Consider a career teaching in French, embracing your Raison D'Être. To discover other FSL teacher success stories, those making a difference and impacting the lives of students for the better, visit

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH

### TEACHER AWARD FOR TEACHING STUDENTS



HEIDI FENTON
Dorothea Walker Elementary School,
Kelowna. BC

Heidi is driven to inspire her students to learn in French and provide opportunities for them to explore the language through food, music and culture. Along the way of her own journey that began in grade 6 late French immersion, Heidi participated in CPF events like *Concours d'art oratoire* and *Rencontre française* camp.

### ONTARIO BRANCH

### MCGILLIVRAY AWARD (FOR EXCELLENCE IN FSL EDUCATION)



ANTONIA CETIN
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board,
Ottawa. ON

Antonia is a dedicated leader in French second language education with over 29 years of experience. She is known to discover new ways to raise the bar for FSL teaching and learning in the School Board. Antonia goes above and beyond the call of duty, and her expertise was especially valuable during the pivot to virtual teaching.

### **NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR BRANCH**

#### TEACHER GRADUATE OF THE YEAR AWARD



**SEAN KENNEDY** Holy Cross School, Outer Cove, NL

Sean's contribution to the promotion of French is outstanding; his biggest focus this year has been helping his students see the practical aspects of learning French, as well as the benefits. His goal is for his students to see that their learning a second language can give them access to a whole world of opportunities.

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD



REBECCA HISCOCK Amalgamated Academy, Bay Roberts, NL

Rebecca's name is synonymous with French in the Bay Roberts Region. She prides herself on providing students with the opportunity to love the French language as much as she does. Rebecca is constantly infusing French into daily class activities, and she fully believes immersion to be the most authentic way to learn French.

## SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

### **FSL CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS**



**BRIANNA DUNSTAN** École St. Thomas, Lloydminster, SK

Brianna is a FSL Champion as she demonstrates passion for the French language every day. She leads French professional development sessions at the school and brings the culture alive with her classroom activities. Previous students are always coming to visit her for some type of French activities, or just to hang out *en français*!



**LEANNA ROOK**Father Robinson School,
Saskatoon, SK

Leanna is an innovative advocate of FSL learning. She works tirelessly to meet the needs of her diverse FLS learners. She is a dedicated educator who often works extended hours after school to coach her students in learning French. She also has developed and curated rich support resources to facilitate parent engagement and teacher planning.



GILBERTE MICHAUD École St. Thomas.

Lloydminster, SK

Gilberte is a FSL Champion as she always goes above and beyond! In the classroom, she can always be seen working on French reading with her students. She promotes her love of learning French by sharing fun and engaging ways to connect to the language outside of school with her colleagues, students and their families.



**PATTY BRADY** 

Prairie Valley School Division (schools located just outside of Regina), SK

Patty proudly provides leadership for the School Division French Immersion Programs. She encourages administrators to focus on professional development to increase capacity as instructional leaders of French immersion schools. She coordinated to collaborate and develop plans enriching the culture and language experiences in their schools.

## SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

#### **FSL CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS**



LINDSEY LEIK École St. Michael's School, Yorkton, SK

Lindsey completely gives of herself as a teacher and member of her school community. When a new French teachers arrives, or ones that are contracted temporarily, she goes above and beyond supporting them and making them feel welcome. French is a #1 priority for her, and because of her teaching, her students want to learn French.



RHONDA GINGELL MUNTEANU École Gravelbourg School, Gravelbourg, SK

Gingell has more than 26 years of top-notch teaching in the French immersion program. She has been a great collaborator with fellow teachers in sharing French resources and assisting new French immersion teachers. She is a positive, passionate, nurturing and inspiring teacher that makes a huge difference in her students' learning and their passion for learning in French.

# CPF 2022 FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARD (In Partnership with IDÉLLO)



**TANYA CAMPBELL** 

Mary Jane Shannon and Lena Shaw Elementary Schools, Surrey, BC

Tanya is a core French teacher from Surrey, BC. Tanya's zest for life, generosity and dedication to the power of nature distinguish her as a teacher. Her colleagues describe her as energetic, inspiring and thoughtful. It is her enthusiasm for making an impact in her students' lives that drives her lessons.

### NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH

### **FSL EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR AWARD**



KIMBERLY MESSENGER Clark's Harbour Elementary School, Cape Sable Island, NS

Kimberly is a core French and Learning Support teacher at Clark's Harbour Elementary School. She provides welcoming and safe environments for her students, where they can take risks and are supported regardless of the consequences. Within the school, she's always sharing new technology with other staff, and in fact is the tech support of the school!



ALANNAH MACLEAN
Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School,
Fall River, NS

As a French immersion graduate from Ontario, Alannah sees the value and riches of learning an additional language. Alannah's lessons and activities are planned around the students, through their interests and prior knowledge. She is dedicating her life to the classroom, as a teacher and a lifelong learner!

### **QUEBEC BRANCH**

### **EXCELLENCE IN FSL TEACHING AWARD**



ISABELLE ALARIE
St. Thomas High School,
Lester B. Pearson School Board,
Pointe-Claire, QC

Isabelle has been a French teacher for almost 25 years, maintaining the keen interest in French culture she has had since early childhood. She has always sought to create significant and impactful experiences for her students and to give them a voice in the classroom.



ANNIE SABOURIN
Beaconsfield High School,
Lester B. Pearson School Board,
Beaconsfield, QC

As a French immersion teacher with almost 20 years of experience, Annie is passionate about French language and culture, and she enjoys keeping up with French popular culture. Her goal is to pass on this same passion, enthusiasm, and zeal for French to her students.