



University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.

Club des Femmes Universitaires de Montréal Inc.

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The University Women's Club of Montreal is Proud to Announce the winners of the second North American edition of *les Olympes de la Parole* school competition.

Montreal, May 6th, 2019 - Today, The University Women's Club of Montreal (UWCM) is proud to announce the winners of its second North American school competition called Les Olympes de la Parole.

This year's theme addressed the **feminization of poverty and its impacts on the empowerment of and women and the development of the child in Canada**. Two Montreal high schools agreed to participate: Le Collège International Marie de France and La Villa Sainte Marcelline. Their projects were evaluated by a review panel of seven members.

The first award is presented to Collège International Marie de France for their project on early childhood education: « Raconte-moi une histoire, Raconte-moi ton histoire ».

The second award is presented Villa Sainte Marcelline for their project on homelessness in Montreal: « Les femmes sans-abri: dormir sous des étoiles éteintes ».

The third award is presented to Villa Sainte Marcelline for their project on single parenthood: « La pauvreté économique chez les familles monoparentales dirigées par une femme au Canada ».

The UWCM launched the second edition of this competition on December 6th, 2018, by highlighting the relationships between the competition and the themes that will be debated at the Sixty-Third Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York from March 11 to 22, 2019. This competition offers a unique opportunity for Montreal secondary school girls to engage in the global conversation on gender equality and learn how to influence policies that foster a gender-equal society.

Come celebrate our winners at a Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 10, 2019, starting at 7:00 pm, at the Atwater Library located at 1200 Atwater Ave., Westmount, QC. Light snacks will be served.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF MONTREAL - Founded in 1927, in Montreal, by women university graduates involved in the promotion of quality education of girls and women, the UWCM grants annual scholarships to deserving candidates. On March 2019, one of UWCM founders Ms. E. Monk was designated « **historic personage** » and became part of Le Registre du patrimoine culturel du Québec. UWCM is a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 Clubs and 8,400 members across Canada. The CFUW holds special consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council and serves on the Education Committee of the Canadian Sub Commission to UNESCO.

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