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Summary: The 27th Annual Edith R. Farrell French Poetry Contest will be held on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall.

(March 21, 2013)-The 27th Annual Edith R. Farrell French Poetry Contest will be held on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall. The event serves as a showcase for students to share the beauty of French language and verse from across the francophone world. It also celebrates the induction of new members into the French National Honor Society Pi Delta Phi, which honors students committed to mastering the intricacies of the French language and to pursuing excellence in their French studies. This is the capstone of the French Discipline's academic year.

The French Poetry Contest includes songs and poems personally chosen by each contestant. Students will read works from celebrated French and francophone poets such as Charles Baudelaire, Victor Hugo, Jacques Prévert, Guillaume Apollinaire, Louise Labé, and many others. Members of the French faculty will join approximately 40 Morris students, as well as a group of high school French students from Fergus Falls, at the reading. Prizes will be awarded in the categories of best reading at the high school, beginners, intermediate, and advanced levels.

"The contest is an evening where people who love the French language get together to share poetry written in one of the world's most beautiful languages," says Sarah Buchanan, associate professor of French. "It celebrates the diligence of our students, who work for weeks to refine their pronunciation, rhythm, and intonation."

The Division of the Humanities [French Discipline](#) and the Entre Nous French Club student organization sponsor the event that honors the memory of Edith Farrell, long-time professor of French at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

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