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*Summary: The French Poetry Reading contest is a showcase for students and an enjoyable evening of sharing the beauty of the language.*

(April 19, 2011)-The University of Minnesota, Morris will host the 25th Annual Edith R. Farrell French Poetry Reading Contest on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 7 p.m. in Oyate Hall. The event provides a showcase for students to share the beauty of the French language and verse from across the francophone world. Students, faculty, staff, as well as the general public are invited to attend the event that also celebrates the poetry contest's 25th anniversary.

The French Poetry Contest evening includes songs and poems personally chosen by each contestant, French music, and the induction of new members into the French Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi, which honors students committed to mastering the intricacies of the French language. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening in high school, beginners, intermediate, advanced, and faculty and staff categories.

“This has long been my favorite evening of the year,” says Tammy Berberi, associate professor of French. “There is something so inspiring about the effort students make to study a poem—its meaning, its sounds, the historical context that gave rise to it—and develop a personal interpretation. I’m always struck too by the community members who join us. So many people in Morris have experiences with French. It’s a fantastic event that renews our sense of community.”

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

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