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November 24, 2010 – Walter Murray student first place speaker at international debating championship

Nicholas Carverhill, a Grade 11 student at Walter Murray Collegiate finished as the first place speaker at the European Open debate championships held November 6th to 12th in Stuttgart, Germany. This is the first time in the province's history that a Walter Murray student has placed at this level at Europeans. Nicholas' team was eliminated in quarter finals, but he placed first as an individual.

“We are so proud of Nicholas,” said Mr. Bruce Bradshaw, principal of Walter Murray Collegiate. “We have an incredible student body with Marauders leading in so many areas. This international prize is very gratifying. Nicholas is a terrific ambassador for our school and our school division.”

Nicholas started debating in Grade 7. Debating is one of his many interests. He is also co-leader of the Youth Action Club (Human Rights) at Walter Murray, plays lead trumpet in the concert band and senior jazz band and is a member of the cross-country team. Outside of school Nicholas studies lyrical, ballet and is an understudy with the professional Ukrainian dance troupe, Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble. He volunteers as a teacher to 6-10 year old Ukrainian dancers and coaches the French Debate Club at École Victoria School.

After graduating from Walter Murray Collegiate, Nicholas plans on attending university to study international relations, political science, law, or medicine.

The European Open is an open tournament. Any county can submit one or two national teams, and individual cities can also submit. Canada entered three teams – one from Canada East, one from Canada West and one from Calgary. Nicholas was the only Canadian competitor from a public school.

Walter Murray Collegiate has a thriving debate club whose students have won many provincial and national awards. Walter Murray offers all core subject courses, as well as courses in computer technology, computer science, robotics, German, Japanese and French, creative writing and much more. Over 1,300 students belong to the Marauder Family which is well known for its achievements, sense of pride, respect for self and others, and incredible hospitality.

Learn more about the European Open at www.schoolsdebate.de/debweek.htm. Learn more about Walter Murray Collegiate at www.spsd.sk.ca/schoolsPrograms/highschools/walterMurray/about.html

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