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LT French student, teacher honored

Lyons Township High School junior J. Riske was recently honored by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) for a drawing she submitted in a contest. Her winning design was placed on a t-shirt that was distributed to winners of the National French contest from the Chicago/ Northern Illinois chapter of the AATF. Riske received a \$50 check and a t-shirt with her design for herself and every member of her family.

LT French teacher Donna Czarnecki was also recognized by the AATF for her eighth place finish in a writing competition. The contest was administered at the national convention held in Milwaukee. Czarnecki placed eighth among university, high school and junior high school French teachers in the nation.

Czarnecki is also the recipient of the "Language Matters Award," given by the Intercultural Student Experiences (ISE) organization. The award selects a French teacher that successfully immersed her students in the French language and culture. Czarnecki's many accomplishments include leading immersion weekends through George Williams College and Benedictine University, holding Immersion Days for teachers at national conventions and creating a French exchange program at LT. Czarnecki is just the third recipient of this award and will be recognized during the summer AATF national convention in Baton Rouge, LA.

Most recently, Czarnecki earned sixth place in the Chicago/ Northern Illinois region for a similar writing competition held at Northwestern University in Evanston. This competition is sponsored by the AATF and Northwestern every February.

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