

French club wins competition

French club wins first in Chicago competition

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French club after receiving first place in competition picture taken by Nataliya Zimmerman

The French club recently competed at the Francophone theater Festival in Chicago. French club had its last public practice on April 22nd, and after that they were ready to perform in the competition. They went to Chicago on Avril (April is spelled Avril in French) 23rd.

The club's first stop after a two-hour drive to the north side of Chicago was to have lunch at the French restaurant Chez Moi. Mme. Zimmerman said, "the trip to the restaurant was a nostalgic one." After everyone had received his or her food, the owner of the restaurant, Dominique, came out to talk to everyone about goals in life and how anything is possible.

French club has been practicing its own version of the play *Candide*. The students have been practicing for the competition for the past month and a half with 16 people being part of helping with the play.

Candide is a play about a servant of a manor who falls in love with a lord. However, a war begins and he loses everything and decides to study the philosophy of cause and effect.

French club took first in the competition even competing against other students with native speaking French families. Senior Katrina Baum said, "They were really good, but we took it a bit more seriously than they did."

The event had a total of ten plays with ten schools. DePaul University also presented a play at the competition.

The event was topped off by a French comedian named Sebastian Marx. The comedian made everyone laugh except those who couldn't understand him. Junior Paul Anderson said, "One of his jokes was about the people who could understand him, and it made me chuckle."

After a long day of travel and performing, French club returned victorious with a first place medal in the competition. Senior Ming Lin said about the award, "It was a satisfying moment when our hard work paid off."