

Lincoln Freshman Alexandra Gritta Receives National Recognition in *Le Grand Concours* French Language Competition!

Alexandra Gritta, Lincoln High School freshman, has recently won national recognition for her French language abilities after competing in the *2011 Le Grand Concours*.

At the state level, Gritta placed 1st in the Oregon Chapter of the American Association of Teachers (AATF) *Le Grand Concours* contest. Nationally, Gritta won 8th place, winning a bronze medal in the 76th annual event, according to Lisa Narug, National Director of *Le Grand Concours*.

Gritta competed at Level 5, the highest category of French proficiency the contest offers. She pitted her French skills against 99,000 students from all 50 states, all of whom were evaluated on their written, oral and listening comprehension abilities.

To commemorate her achievement, Gritta received a Certificat Laureat National and a bronze medal.

Gritta, who currently enrolled in IB French 9-10, is the student of Isabelle Colard-Tyler. Gritta attributes her recent success to the dedication and support of Mme. Tyler, who has been teaching French at Lincoln High School since 2008.

AATF President Ann Sunderland states: *“French students who rank nationally in Le Grand Concours prove that hard work in the classroom brings success and recognition. These outstanding students reflect well on the French programs in their schools and French teachers under whose guidance they have studied. They constitute an asset to their communities and their present and future schools because they have multilingual capabilities, a greater understanding of world cultures and a high work ethic. They are world citizens and future leaders; it is gratifying to know that such excellent students value their French studies and strive to continually learn and improve.”*