



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Participants in Voices of Olympia Canada School Competition will present their projects at the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN-CSW-67)!**

---

**Montreal, January 25, 2023** - Voices of Olympia Canada (VOOC) is proud to announce that for a third consecutive year, participants of the School Competition will present their work at the Civil Society Forum organized during the Sixty-Seventh Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN-CSW- 67), which will be held in New York from March 6 to 17, 2023. The round table prepared by VOOC will address the *Intersectionality between innovation, technological change, and education in the digital age and the empowerment of girls and women in Canada*.

Our panelists include the following representatives from VOOC School Competition participating teams: Émilie Duval from Collège Stanislas; Marie-Lou Bérubé from Collège Trinité; Gianna Simancas from Laurier Macdonald High School, Yasmeen Lrhazi from Marymount Academy International; Geneva Pham from The Study Team A; Elizabeth Hope Andriopoulos from The Study Team B; and Tiffanie Constantine from Villa Maria.

The round table will be moderated by: Ms. Cheryl Hayles, President, International Alliance of Women, and VOOC Ambassadors: Harmonie - Toscane, St - Pierre - Delhaye student at Université de Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, and Chair of UN-Women at that university; Thaïs Desrosiaux student at Collège International Marie de France, and Annette Hong Kim, student at McGill University.

« *It is a great achievement for Voices of Olympia Canada young participants to have their voices resonate at the UN for a third consecutive year* », Ms. Hayles states.

#### **About Voices of Olympia Canada / Olympes de la Parole Canada**

---

**Voices of Olympia Canada is a global citizenship learning - based initiative.** Through a yearly school competition, we have offered, since 2017, a safe and informed discussion space where high school girls in Canada grow as critical thinkers, reflecting on the central theme of gender inequalities and its impacts on the empowerment of girls and women, using a dual perspective of human rights and social justice. VOOC is a commitment maker for Generation Equality, and a member of the following organizations: International Alliance of Women, NGO CSW/NY, and Afro Youth Summit.

#### **About the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN-CSW)**

The UN-CSW is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. This year, the UN-CSW-67 priority theme will focus on: “*Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls*”. Civil Society engages in the UN-CSW processes and events through the Forum organized by the NGO-CSW/NY.

Media contact: Dre. Saôde Savary, Ph.D.,  
Voices of Olympia Canada Founder and Executive Director  
Email: [info@olympesdelaparolecanada.ca](mailto:info@olympesdelaparolecanada.ca)  
Website: <https://www.olympesdelaparolecanada.ca/>

-3-