

## STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SKILLS

Grade 6 and 7 students from across the District took part in a public speaking forum called Sharing Our Stories. The speakers delivered 3 to 5-minute speeches about authentic moments in their lives. Two finalists from each school participated in a zonal showcase event. Three Alpha-based teams made it to the VEX Robotics World Championship with teams from 50 countries. One made history capturing the first award at worlds for the District-wide Robotics (Mechatronics) program, taking the Division Design Award. At the Skills BC competition, two students earned silver and one achieved bronze. Three more won gold and invitations to compete at the Skills Canada Nationals in Quebec City. After qualifying regionally, the Moscrop Drama Department was awarded a Gold Honour Troupe Banner at the Canadian National School Theatrical Arts Recognition STAR Festival. Alpha Secondary's Concert Choir earned gold at the Whistler Music Festival. And youth from Alpha, Burnaby South, Cariboo Hill, Moscrop, Marlborough, and Seaforth schools were awarded for their French-language public speaking skills. Collectively, at the Provincial Concours d'art oratoire they earned nine medals, with many of the winners seen here.

## SETTING THE STAGE TO SHOWCASE STUDENTS' TALENTS

Students of all ages from across the District performed at the Burnaby Festival of Dance. A tradition since 1980, it was hosted by Burnaby Mountain Secondary over three nights. District choirs came together for their Spring Sing and Ring Concert, featuring the Pic, **46B88**1 (ng) 1 () EMPOWERING

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