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Today was an eventful and emotional day, beginning with public viewing and school tours in the morning. Following a quick lunch, finalists dressed to impress for the Awards Ceremony held this afternoon at Theatre St-Dennis. The venue was breathtaking and soon filled with finalists, delegates, family members and friends excited to share in the collective success of each and every young scientist from across the country.

Prior to the ceremony, the theatre was filled with the cheers and chants of each of the provinces. Finally, the lights dimmed and the phenomenal Master of Ceremonies Dominic Tremblay began the show. Following the Special Awards, the Executive Director of Youth Science Canada, Brad McCabe, spoke about the incredible accomplishment of each student in being selected to attend the Canada-Wide Science Fair. It is a truly prestigious honour that demonstrates the innovative spirit of each finalist.

Dr. Jaymie Matthews then introduced the recipient of this year's CWSF Alumni Award, Dr. Leanne Jablonski. A detailed interview will be posted with Dr. Jablonski tomorrow, describing her incredible career and scientific journey, beginning with her science fair projects as a student. Well done, Dr. Jablonski, you are a fantastic example of how participating in science fairs can lead to an accomplished career in science.

After the CWSF Alumni Award, the Excellence Awards were announced, including the three Grand Award winners. Congratulations to Sophie Hoyer Pacholek of Calgary Youth, ON who received the Best Junior Award, to Katherine Teeter of Bluewater, ON who received the Best Senior Award and to Kayley Ting of York, ON who received the Best in Fair Award for 2016. All three grand award winners will be speaking at the On the Podium Speaker Series in the Currie Gym tomorrow at 8am. Come out and here all about the award winners and their phenomenal research!

A detailed interview with Kayley, Katherine and Sophie will be posted tomorrow afternoon, along with more information about each of their projects. Stay tuned to learn all about these three inspirational young innovators.

On that note, tomorrow will begin with public viewing in the morning. The afternoon will then include project take down and free time before the Farewell Boat Cruise on the St. Lawrence River. Finalists and delegates will be able to celebrate the end of a memorable week in Montreal by watching the sunset beyond the city skyline and enjoying the company of their many new friends.

Today's fun fact about Montreal is that it is actually a UNESCO city of design.

Tomorrow's weather looks fantastic with a high of 23 degrees and sunshine all day. It will be a fantastic day for a farewell boat cruise before finalists and delegates head back to their hometowns across the country.

Congratulations again to all of today's winners! A full list of awards and recipients is available at [\[Download winners\]](#) [2]

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