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Alejandra Gonzalez Valdes from Mexico (in the middle of the photo) is initiated to the clam fishery with her host family.

## Host families: the heart of the French International Student Program

The program is starting its 10<sup>th</sup> year in 2019-2020, and one of the important features is the generosity of the host families in New Brunswick.

More than 70 families have welcomed a student from the program in 2018-2019 with an open mind and a desire to learn about another culture.

Families participating in the program for the first time or for several years are fully involved in the experience. In addition to proudly sharing the French language and the Acadian culture, these families share all aspects of their daily life with the student.





Each month, the homestay coordinators organize activities for their students. In March, Julian, Theo, Rebeca, Cordula, Oda, Ana Sofia, Andrés, Can, Eva, Marcela, Mariana, and Andrea tried curling in Moncton.



Mariana Ramirez Becerra from Mexico attends École Mathieu-Martin. She participated in a fishing trip in Miramichi with her host family.



Spring is the ideal season for outdoor activities such as hiking, as can be seen in the photo above. The students of the Acadian Peninsula went on an excursion in the forest and visited an ancestral sugar bush. To the right, you can see Cecilia Scholz from Germany (Grade 11) who discovers the joys of the sugar bush in northwestern New Brunswick with her host family.







Perin Çelik from Turkey, a student at Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany, received a medal in a mathematics competition. This medal is awarded to the best student at school for the Grade 11 mathematical group Fermat. Approximately 62,000 students in more than 1,500 schools around the world participate in one of three mathematics competitions for Grades 9, 10 and 11 students. From left to right, in the photo, we can see Mr. Jocelyn Cyr, Head of Sciences and Mathematics, Audrey Clavette (Grade 9 student), Joanie Bourgoin-Plourde (Grade 10 student), Perin Celik (Grade 11 student) and the school principal, Mr. Bertin Lang.



Lily Watanabe from Switzerland (Grade 10) and Andrea Roman Rios from Mexico (Grade 11) are proud cheerleaders for the École Mathieu-Martin team in Dieppe. \*



Laura Baumann from Germany, a Grade 11 student at the Polyvalente A.-J.-Savoie, was treated to a farewell dinner. She was accompanied by two host families, the school principal, the school's assistant principal, a teacher, and the coordinator for the Saint-Quentin region, Harmonie Bouchard + (Grade 12) and Samantha Munoz from Mexico (Grade 9). +



The Polyvalente Roland-Pépin in Campbellton organizes a special celebration each year for the international students. They take turns speaking about their experience in New Brunswick. From left to right: Skye Stanforth from Germany (Grade 10), Sofia Ğentilozzi from Italy (Grade 11), Zeynep Sevinçel from Turkey (Grade 10), Tim Hongler from Switzerland (Grade 10), Jessica Peralta from Mexico (Grade 12), Fernando De Anzorena from Mexico











The New Brunswick French International Student Program organizes an annual activity for all the students in the program at the end of the school year at Snider Mountain Ranch. This year, the trip took place from June 7 to 9, 2019 and the weather was perfect for outdoor activities. \*





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