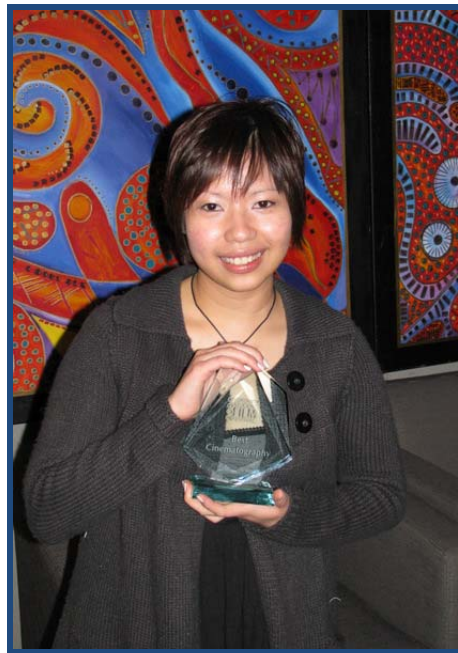


Jean Vanier Students Shine at International Film Festivals!

On April 24th and 25th students from Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School demonstrated their excellence in film by being selected as finalists for both the *Sprockets Toronto International Film Festival for Children* and the *Toronto Student Film Festival*. A total of five films from Jean Vanier were showcased at the Gala screenings. **Sidney Lee's** film *The Sword in the Stone* won the **Gertrude Lowengren Award for Best Film** at Sprockets in the Jumpcuts Grade 10-12 division. He won for his creativity, humor and for making an animated short film with few resources. **Sabrina Moreno** won **Best Cinematography** for her film *Eve* at TSFF. These films, along with Jean Vanier's other finalists, Stephanie Kalaitzidis, Hazel Bureon and Benjamin Lo were in competition with films from across the globe -- including films from Russia, South America and the Netherlands. What makes their accomplishment even more impressive is that, as Catholic students, they consciously avoided the often prevalent a secular world view of many other films that stressed sex and senseless violence as impetus for their plot.



Sidney Lee



Sabrina Moreno