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Attention Ontario students:

FutureFlick Contest offers \$5,000 in prizes

Toronto, Ontario - FutureFlick, a new digital video contest for Ontario students, is offering \$5,000 in cash prizes to the best digital shorts depicting student life in the year 2020. Winning clips will also be broadcast globally on the Open Student Television Network (OSTN).

The new ORION FutureFlick contest is open to students in any college, university or school connected to the Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION).

The video assignment asks student filmmakers to produce a video short, under 2 minutes, that visualises "what lies beyond YouTube, Second Life and Google and how will future technologies, such as interactive multimedia and the seamless blending of physical and virtual reality impact your life as a student in 2020?"

Entries will be accepted in any digital format, including live action, or traditional and computer graphic animation. Submissions will be judged by film/TV faculty and professionals.

The contest deadline is January 31, 2008.

A top prize of \$2,500 will be awarded, with second and third prizes of \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively.

The international Open Student Television Network (OSTN) will broadcast the winning clips, which will also be hosted on the ORION Student TV website. OSTN is the only 24-hour, seven-day global channel exclusively devoted to student-produced programming. ORION has partnered with OSTN to bring this programming to Ontario.

See full contest details at www.orion.on.ca/futureflick.

Students can view live streams of ORION Student TV at www.orion.on.ca/orionstudenttv.html.

About ORION and ORION Student TV

The Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION), operated by a not-for-profit organization, is Ontario's next-generation, ultra high-speed research and education telecommunications network. ORION connects all of Ontario's universities, most colleges, several medical and other public research facilities and a growing number of school boards to one another and to the global grid of research and education networks. The ORION Student TV portal provides a live stream of global OSTN programming, and links to Ontario film and television schools and other student television content (www.orion.on.ca).

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