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PRESIDENT POZZA SPEECH

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The awards ceremony for the fifth edition of the GenerAZIONE2026 Project Sport powered by Youth and Education will be held on Thursday, June 4, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mario del Monaco Theater in Treviso.

*Dear everyone,
distinguished guests, international delegation, teachers, families, and
dear students, welcome.*

*This awards ceremony is truly a wonderful culmination of the hard work
and creativity of the young people of GenerAZIONE2026!*

*I am certain that receiving an award in front of such a large and
international audience will remain an experience you will cherish in
your hearts, and it will surely be unforgettable, especially since we are in
a theater where architectural beauty meets the beauty of community.*

*It is truly inspiring to see how deeply you have understood, discussed,
and reflected on the values of inclusion and the true meaning of the*

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Olympic and Paralympic spirit. I am truly proud of this great opportunity for such meaningful and collective work, carried out with the collaboration and support of the Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Veneto Region, the Veneto Regional Institute, the Verona Chamber of Commerce, and FICTS, alongside Prof. Ascani, the project's creator.

We have also created important opportunities for genuine sports and for young people and you, the teachers of Veneto, to meet with those from Lombardy, by participating in the Milan Arena at the Milan-Cortina Trophies, thereby fostering knowledge, promoting sports and friendship, and creating new networks.

You, the students, guided by your exceptional teachers, have produced projects on challenging topics such as "Education of the Heart: The Two Sides of the Coin," where the negative aspects of a situation are overcome by positive action.

I was deeply moved by the disarming authenticity of the protagonists' voices in the collection of testimonials you produced. You have put into words challenges that often go unspoken: the fear of not being good enough, loneliness, loss. And alongside every challenge, a victory, small or large, achieved through tenacity, with the help of a classmate, a parent, or even a mascot, symbol of the Milan-Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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GenerAZIONE2026 has given us back something precious: the authentic voices of our young people. In their words, we found it all: the struggle, the fear, the loneliness, but also the strength to get back up, the joy of a friendship rediscovered, the courage of those who choose not to give up. This project has shown that educating the heart is not a rhetorical exercise: it is a concrete act of listening and trusting young people.

I assure you these are achievements that open our eyes to what our youth are experiencing. Thus, the projects on “your lifestyles”, including recipes from around the world designed for athletes and a healthy life, make this project a wonderful way to blend different forms of expression while celebrating the individual, sports, the community, and disability, including emotional disability, by discussing them together. I repeat, together, because together we create a more aware and better society.

I thank the companies that have believed in this project and welcomed the international delegates of FICTS, to whom I extend a warm welcome.

You tell the world about us, and for this we are grateful.

[I ask those of you here to please applaud]

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In this edition, I would like to thank De Longhi S.p.A., Anfao, and Bottega Vini S.p.A., as well as Dr. Dalle Ore, who will be hosting the visiting delegates at his beautiful Venetian villa.

A heartfelt thank you to all the teachers, faculty, and school administrators, as well as to the families. This social framework has enabled 52,000 young people to experience and learn about the Olympic spirit and to embody the best legacy we could hope for.

The publication of the Thematic Dossier will allow us to adapt what we have built to other contexts. The award-winning documentary film “Il Sesto Cerchio” will continue to tell the story and depict, through images and dialogue, the legacy of a vision lived today, to create a future.

But that's not all, because Veneto will host another major event in 2028: the Dolomiti Valtellina Winter Youth Olympic Games!

And it will be another huge success!