

History

- 1969 English-language college education in the Outaouais region began as an offshoot of the Cégep de Hull (the present Cégep de l'Outaouais) with an initial enrolment of seven students.
- 1972 In the Fall of that year, the newly-named *Pavillon des anglophones* had an increased enrolment of 215 and was housed in separate quarters—a renovated bowling alley on Eddy Street in Hull.

Enrolment continued to increase until it became necessary to move again—this time, to the renovated École Ste-Marie on Maisonneuve Boulevard, which included a gymnasium.
- 1977 In September, with a student population of approximately 460, this burgeoning branch of the local French-language cégep became officially known as Heritage Campus—in recognition of the heritage building in which it was housed.

Heritage Campus grew still larger until the *Conseil d'administration* of the *Cégep de l'Outaouais*, after re-assessing its involvement with English-language cégep education, recommended that Heritage be linked to Champlain Regional College.
- 1981 The Caldwell Committee established by Minister of Education, Camille Laurin, upheld this recommendation. The Minister, however, opted to introduce other structural and financial changes instead.
- 1984 In January, Heritage Campus and its 650 students, moved again—to the newly-renovated school previously known as *École secondaire Immaculée-Conception* at 205 Laurier Street. This building included a gymnasium and laboratory facilities.
- 1988 Dedicated involvement by the English-speaking community and Outaouais Alliance (now known as the Regional Association of West Quebecers) working for the development and improvement of English college education in this region resulted, in July, in the creation of a fully-autonomous, English cégep and Heritage College finally became a reality!

By this time, student enrolment had increased to the point that the existing College facilities were no longer adequate. Plans for expansion of the Laurier Street building were begun. It was soon apparent, however, that this proposal would not provide a long-term solution. Heritage College needed much larger, more modern facilities, and a permanent home.

In the years that followed, a site for the construction of new facilities was found and approved. A comprehensive consultation process helped to shape the building plans and specifications to the unique needs of the College community, resulting in the completion of new permanent college campus facilities.
- 1994 In October, with a student population of just over 900, the new Heritage College campus on Cité des Jeunes Boulevard was officially opened to the people of the Outaouais region.
- 2003 In November, a new wing, housing the College gymnasium/physical education complex and Centre for Continuing Education, was inaugurated.

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