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## Cégep Heritage College Launches Alumni Network

**Gatineau, October 9, 2015** - Cégep Heritage College held its “first” Alumni and Ambassador Cocktail on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to launch the **Heritage Alumni & Friends Network**. This event was attended by alumni, students, employees (current and former) and a variety of ambassadors from the community. Alumni were pleased to have this opportunity to get together and record video testimonials of their fond memories and unique learning experience at Heritage. Professor Gerry Cammy (retired) who taught for over 37 years at Heritage delivered a passionate and energetic address regarding the importance of continuing to keep close ties with Heritage and stated «We were and still are a family!» The evening speakers included Foundation representatives and Mr. Michael Randall, Director General, who spoke of the increasing numbers of students and the upcoming expansion. Our Alumni, Rick Henderson announced the launch of the **Alumni and Friends Network** and M<sup>e</sup> Joseph Gorman called on former students to get involved, join the network, volunteer and contribute as ambassadors to our Foundation to help current and future students..

Former students often credit Heritage for their success - from the academic excellence, to the varied sports and cultural activities and to the dedication of the staff and faculty who were instrumental in shaping their learning experience.

Our new Heritage Alumni Network provides a platform which reunites former students and friends of Heritage; providing social and academic connections. This is also a fabulous opportunity to network with professionals in a variety of career fields. Furthermore, it will also complement the College’s efforts of keeping in touch with former students. Encouraging networking and celebrating alumni for their accomplishments are the best way the College can continue to cultivate its community.

Our Alumni Network and College Foundation are intimately related being comprised of dedicated and passionate alumni, employees and parents who have been touched by the exceptional learning experience at Heritage and wish to safeguard its community-driven spirit. The Foundation promotes initiatives that foster perseverance of college studies such as perseverance bursaries, enhanced student services and assistance, and invest in programs and initiatives which nurture increased self-esteem, encouragement and student engagement.

Alumni promote Heritage’s excellence and assist our Foundation in establishing a legacy of support, assistance and encouragement for our current students and for generations to come.

To join our Alumni Network , volunteer or donate to our Foundation, please contact Nicole Lefebvre at 819-778-2270 x 2127 or e-mail her at [nlefebvre@cegep-heritage.qc.ca](mailto:nlefebvre@cegep-heritage.qc.ca).  
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*Cégep Heritage College is a community-driven post-secondary institution. Our independent status was achieved in 1988, thanks to the involvement of engaged employees, parents and students who believed in the benefits of an English Cégep in the Outaouais. We have grown from 7 students in 1969 to close to over 1200 students in 2015.*