

Press Release



**Member of Parliament, William Amos,
proudly accepts nomination as Honorary Chair
of the Heritage Spartan Race in support of the
Cégep Heritage College Foundation**



Gatineau, May 19, 2016 – At a Press Conference held this morning, Marcel Proulx, Chair of the [Cégep Cégep Heritage College Foundation](#) announced that Mr. William Amos, Member of Parliament for the riding of Pontiac, has joined the Heritage College Spartan Race Team as Honorary Chair and active participant in the 5K fundraising event on June 18-19, 2016.

Mr. Amos will lead Team Heritage along with students, employees, family and friends in their quest to raise funds for the Foundation. Both Mike Duggan, Gatineau City Counselor for Lucerne/Aylmer and Greg Fergus, Member of Parliament for Hull-Aylmer, have accepted the Heritage Spartan challenge. Representatives from Desjardins (Caisse Desjardins des Collines-de-l'Outaouais), esteemed partners of the Foundation's Campaign, will also be racing.

William Amos said that "Heritage College is an important institution for the riding of Pontiac and it is a great honor to join Team Heritage for this first annual fundraiser, "Spartan Race *for a Cause*". This community fundraising initiative has a goal of \$50,000 towards the Foundation's Major Fundraising Campaign and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Cégep Heritage College is the only English-language Cégep in the Outaouais with its main campus located in Gatineau (Hull Sector) and a satellite campus in Campbell's Bay. In order to help the College respond to the escalating student needs and safeguard initiatives -which foster self-esteem, involvement in college life and community values, the Foundation's Major Fundraising Campaign seeks to raise \$ 1 Million dollars over five years. To date, the Foundation has received pledges of \$570,000 and solicits the support of alumni, parents, families and friends to reach its goal.

Marcel Proulx, Chair of the Foundation stated “I am particularly impressed by Mr. Amos readily accepting our invitation to help us in spite of his busy schedule and important government responsibilities. I am well positioned to appreciate the multitude of invitations a politician receives and we are grateful that Will is helping us with our fundraising. I also wish to thank Mr. Mike Duggan, and Mr. Greg Fergus, both dedicated politicians, who are also taking time to help us out. Gentlemen, thank you!”

Cégep Heritage College Director General, Michael Randall added that “We are privileged to have Mr. Amos as Honorary Chair of Team Heritage. Very shortly after his election, he visited the College to introduce himself and get to know our school and its environment better. Will is known for championing various causes. He is actively involved with many local non-profit organizations. He leads by example in practicing various sports and through his engagement in the community.”

This 5k *Reebok Spartan Race for a cause* June 18 and 19 kicks-off the start of several community fundraising efforts. This fun and muddy obstacle race is open to all fitness levels. Together, we will overcome obstacles in our path: we will help each other, climb ropes, scale walls, crawl under barbed wire fences and jump over fire! All to raise awareness that **OUR** Foundation needs **YOUR** help. We invite the community to be generous in sponsoring our racers. All donors will receive tax receipts.

Just as Spartans don't leave a teammate behind, our Heritage Spartan Team lends a helping hand to Heritage students as they aim the finish line!

The Heritage College Foundation is seeking your participation at any level. We would love to have you on our team! Be a Heritage Racer, Virtual Racer or Volunteer Please contact the Foundation office at 819-778-2270 x 2127, e-mail at wecare@heritagecollegefoundation.org or see more information at www.heritagecollegefoundation.org

See it to believe it! – watch this 1 minute [2015 Spartan Race](#) video.

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The Cégep Heritage College Foundation was established in 2013 as a registered charitable organization. Through fundraising activities, the Foundation contributes to the College's mission to assist the College in its response to the steadily increasing demands for its services. Awarding bursaries, recognition and celebration of engagement and perseverance is an integral part in encouraging our youth to pursue their college studies.

Cégep Heritage College is one of 48 CEGEPs (Collèges d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel) in the province of Quebec, the only English CEGEP in Western Quebec.

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