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## Heritage College holds 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet

Heritage College rocked the Salaberry Armoury last Friday for its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet. Four hundred students, staff members and guests were treated to a superb evening of cocktails, dinner, awards presentations and entertainment acts, followed by a pub.

Every year, this extremely popular event celebrates the students of Heritage College with the presentation of awards for outstanding academic, socio-cultural and sports achievements. Traditionally, the evening also features an incredible array of talented entertainers from among the students and staff of the College and this year was no exception, showcasing 24 different acts. This year's host and hostess for the evening, Erik Shantz and Sophie Lamothe, did an excellent job of keeping everything on track.

Academic awards were given out to the following non-graduating students with the top academic averages in each of their respective programs:

Accounting and Management	Kurtis Baxter
Commerce	Roxann McHugh-Séguin
Computer Science	Xiaoquan Yao
Early Childhood Care and Education	Wen Tuo
Electronics Technology	Li Mei Li
Liberal Arts	Elise David
NewMedia and Publication Design	Roxanne Renaud-Coderre
Nursing (2 awards)	Jian Zhang
	Adriana Menoilescu
Science	Jason Ivall
Social Science with Math	Zahra Glassford
Social Science (General)	Dana Lahey
Visual Arts (2 awards)	Angela Desjardins
	Kodi Cannon

In the socio-cultural category, Nora Bobbish, Mabel Chewanish, Leah Kistabish, Kerri-Ann Marchand, Lizzie Masty and April Pachanos were each presented with the Aboriginal Award for their valuable contributions or performances during the Native Cultural Awareness Week, which is held at the College in late March each year. April Pachanos also received the NewMedia and Publication Design program's 2005-2006 Professional Excellence Award for good academic standing, for having an excellent attitude and for being a team player, while demonstrating initiative, leadership and enthusiasm. Iman Al-Buhaisi, Sandrine Umunoza and Melissa Ranger each received the new Science Volunteer Award, recognizing their outstanding contributions of time, effort and active participation promoting the Heritage Science program and enhancing the quality of life for their fellow Science students.

Sports awards were given in several categories, including Most Valuable Player, which went to:

Maxime Valsamas	Indoor Soccer
Ayrian McCredie	Women's Volleyball
Michel Plante	Men's Volleyball
Ashley Barnes	Women's Basketball
Stefan Laurence	Men's Basketball

Stefan Laurence also received the award for Male Athlete of the Year; Ashley Barnes received Female Athlete of the Year. Jessica Giles and Steven Routliffe received awards as the best female, and the best male, intramural athletes.

Congratulations also go to 2<sup>nd</sup>-year NewMedia student Jessica Schultz, whose eye-catching entry won the annual poster design contest and was used in all advertising for this year's banquet. Finally, kudos go to Event Coordinator Christine Smyth, from Student Services, and the 10-member organizing committee for their outstanding and tireless efforts.

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