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19th Annual Heritage College Awards Banquet

On Friday, April 25, Heritage College rocked the Palais des Congrès during its 19th Annual Awards Banquet. A sellout crowd of 430 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 17 different acts. This year's hosts for the evening were Courtney Groenewoud and Joshua Nason.

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	Maja Grgar
Commerce	Sara Graham
Computer Science	Hanwen Cai
Early Childhood Care and Education	Crystal Lavallée-Buckle
Electronics Technology	John Carlo Alfieri
Liberal Arts	Melissa Dick
NewMedia and Publication Design	Cynthia Ortega Alarie
Nursing	Michelle Hoyt
Science	Mareike Adams
Social Science	Andrew Liston
Social Science with Math	Elena Bernier
Visual Arts	Valérie Gagnon

In the socio-cultural category, Charlene Blacksmith, Jennifer Jerome, and Katrina Whiteduck were each presented with the **Aboriginal Award** for their valuable contributions of time, cultural expertise and creative energy which helped to make this year's Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Week such a success.

This year's **Humanitarian Award** went to Early Childhood Care and Education students Amy Frost (Fort Coulonge), Jessica Nadon and Stéphanie St-Aubin, who left on April 3 for Colombia to take part in a groundbreaking eight-week international work experience as guest teachers, teaching English to children from four to six years of age. These particular third-year ECCE students were selected for this exciting project on the basis of their success in previous course work and work placements, their abilities as self-starters, their open-mindedness, sense of responsibility and willingness to commit to a more complex and rigorous workload.

Congratulations went to Hannah Gorham-Smith, this year's **Heritage Idol**, who ultimately satisfied the judges' criteria and won the hearts of the audience with her melodious voice. Special thanks also went to the members of the Organizing Committee, the judges and everyone else who had helped to make the second annual Heritage Idol competition a great success.

Special recognition was given to the **2007-2008 Peer Tutors**. The Peer Tutoring program is an academic service provided to students *by* students. They are integrated into labs, classes, tutorials and The Learning Centre, helping students to be successful in their courses and programs. Peer Tutoring at Heritage is internationally certified by the College Reading and Learning Association, which is part of the National Association for Developmental Education. Heritage is one of only 12 colleges across Canada to have been awarded a Level 1 international certification. This year's certificates, in recognition of the assistance these students have provided to other students to help them achieve success, were presented to: Rob Bastien, Tom Belway, Kayla Cuddihey, Marguerite Anne Dewar-Carrière, Ashley Eades, Stéphanie Fleury, Emmanuel Gatera, Erin Gutoskie, Carly Higgins, Jessica Kelly-Fleming, Adam Laidlaw, Crystal Lavallée-Buckle, Frederick Lavoie, Chloé McMillan, Alexander Nosrat, Will Overton, Stephen Satenstein, Nicholas Tripp and Rami Yassine

Also recognized and congratulated for their hours of preparation, dedicated teamwork and talented performances in productions which took place earlier in the year were the members of the **Heritage College Drama Club**: Miranda Abraham, David Ackles-Fuerst, Geoff Aucoin, Brian Babcock, Erin Bowers, Julia Bélanger, Elena Bernier, Anna Delorme, James Farr, Christina Furino, Ashley Latour, Connor Lee, Brandon Liston, Tucker McDougall, Jason Miszaniec, Kyle O'Byrne, Robin Rainer, Nina Vroemen, Alyssa Walker and Matthew Xhignesse.

Sports awards were given in several categories, including:

Antoni Ciepala	Most Valuable Player, Outdoor Soccer
Thomas Drevniok	Most Improved Player, Outdoor Soccer
Kasper Ciepala	Golden Foot Award, Outdoor Soccer
Marie-Pierre Harvey	Spirit Award, Outdoor Soccer
Marlo Bullis	Most Valuable Player, Women's Volleyball
Ashley Carroll	Rookie of the Year, Women's Volleyball
Alyssa Cousineau	Rookie of the Year, Women's Volleyball
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Marley Orange	Most Valuable Player, Women's Basketball
Allison McGlashan	Most Improved Player, Women's Basketball
Katlyn Dolan	Rookie of the Year, Women's Basketball
James O'Brien	Most Valuable Player and Most Improved Player, Men's Basketball
Dan Rudnicki	Most Improved Rookie, Men's Basketball

Marie-Pierre Harvey received the Female Athlete of the Year Award and tied again this year for Male Athlete of the Year were Kasper and Antoni Ciepala. Both Kasper and Antoni were also congratulated for being selected to be part of the AA Collegiate Soccer All-Star team. Katlyn

Dolan was named this year's Best Female Intramural Athlete and James O'Brien was named Best Male Intramural Athlete of the Year.

Congratulations also go to 2nd-year NewMedia student Bradley Souster, whose eye-catching entry won the annual **Poster Design Contest** and was used in all of the advertising for this year's banquet.

Special recognition was given to the amazing response to "**The Battle of the Programs,**" a two-week drive during which several of the College's programs competed to bring in the greatest number of household items, toys or clothes for St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and for various homeless shelters in the Ottawa/Gatineau area. Close to 6,000 items were collected from seven competing programs. The three programs with the highest average number of items collected were: Commerce (third place) with over 13 items per person, Visual Arts (second place) with over 22 items per person and Liberal Arts (first place) with over 27 items per person. Special thanks went to Victor Palaisy, who single-handedly donated over 900 items!

Finally, kudos go to Event Coordinator Christine Smyth from Student Services and the other members of the organizing committee for their outstanding and tireless efforts.

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