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Heritage College Science Student Scores Big in Canadian Chemistry Contest

Congratulations to Heritage Science student Alexandre Desjardins, who was selected as the second place winner for all of Quebec in the 2009 Canadian Chemistry Contest. For his outstanding performance, the Chemical Education Division of the Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC) has given him an award of merit and a cash prize. Alexandre also ranked first in the *Montréal Centre+Ouest* region of Quebec.

The CIC is a professional association of chemists, chemical engineers and chemical technologists who are employed in, or associated with industry, academia, government and other organizations across Canada and the world.

Nationally, 844 students took part in this year's Canadian Chemistry Contest, which identifies the top three students in each of the six participating regions of Canada: Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba/Saskatchewan/Nunavut, Alberta and NWT, and British Columbia/Yukon. This annual contest is designed to promote interest in chemistry and to allow the top 10% of secondary and cégep students across the country, who have taken no more than two chemistry courses, "to measure themselves against a national standard."

Well done, Alexandre!

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