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Heritage College Computer Science Graduate has winning entry in the Ministère de l'Éducation's Hats Off to You! Competition

On April 15, **Ms. Marcelina Podejko**, a graduating student of the three-year **Computer Science Program** at Heritage College, received one of the 14 prizes awarded annually by the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec through its *Hats off to You!* competition. The competition, aimed at women enrolled in vocational or technical education programs leading to traditionally male-dominated occupations or trades, is intended to encourage them to persevere in their non-traditional career choice.

At a ceremony held in the Compétences Outaouais facilities in Gatineau last Tuesday, Marcelina was awarded a \$500 cash prize in recognition of her achievements in Computer Science. Marcelina arrived at college from high school as a timid young girl with limited knowledge of computers, but with a determination to succeed. Through hard work and with encouragement from her peers, teachers and family, she has maintained an excellent average in the Computer Science program. She also had a successful co-op placement at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, where she now holds a part-time position.

The Heritage College community congratulates Marcelina Podejko for her achievements and wishes her all the best for her professional career.

West Quebec's only English CEGEP, Heritage College in the Hull sector of Gatineau offers a wide range of dynamic career and pre-university programs leading to diplomas and/or attestations of collegial studies. Computer Science at Heritage College is a three-year career program designed to produce well-rounded information systems professionals for business, industry and the public sector. The placement rate for 2001 graduates was **100%**. Students interested in entering this program next fall, should contact Student Services or visit our web site at www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca for more information.

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