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## Former Director General of Heritage College honoured as RGA Parapublic Sector Executive of the Year



Heritage College is pleased to announce that former Director General, Claude J. Chénier, was awarded a *Prix d'Excellence* as Parapublic Sector Executive of the Year by *le Regroupement des gens d'affaires de la Capitale nationale (RGA)* at their 23<sup>rd</sup> annual *Gala de l'Excellence* at the *Théâtre du Casino* in Gatineau on Saturday evening. Mr. Chénier (*pictured here, third from the left*) was congratulated for having managed to integrate Western Quebec's only English college into the French community of the Outaouais region.

Mr. Chénier remarked, "Not only is it an honour for me to receive such an award, but it is also an honour for the College. When I arrived at the [Heritage] College, one of my main objectives was to integrate our English educational institution into the francophone community. For me, this award represents the accomplishment of that goal."

Acknowledging that the *Prix d'Excellence* recipients "personify the regional economic elite" the RGA recognizes "the significant contribution [they make] to their particular fields of activity and to their communities."

The award winners "not only promote the continued development of our local economy, but they also further demonstrate the importance of bilingualism in business."



Mr. Chénier was Director General of Heritage from 1998 until the end of December, 2008, Academic Dean from 1991 to 1998, and had served the College in various other management and professional capacities since 1980. He has sat on a number of regional and provincial education committees and served as Chair of the *Table Éducation Outaouais* from 2003 to 2008. Mr. Chénier is currently a member of the Board of Administrators of the *Université du Québec en Outaouais*.

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