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## A New Director of Student Services for Heritage College



The Director General of the Heritage College, Louise Brunet, is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Deborah Valdez to the position of Director of Student Services, effective August 3, 2009. She will be replacing Rita Arena, who is retiring.

Since 2007, Mrs. Valdez has been the Assistant Centre Director at the Brome-Missiquoi Campus Adult Education and Vocational Training Centre in Cowansville.

Mrs. Valdez has been part of the educational environment for many years in different capacities such as Assistant Centre Director, Advisor, Teacher and School Commissioner.

Mrs. Valdez has a Graduate Diploma Adult Education and a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University. She has also completed some studies in Human Resources Management at McGill University and is presently pursuing a Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership from the *Université de Sherbrooke*.

Her past professional experience includes: Chair of the General Training Implementation and Development Committee; the Quebec Advisory Committee on English Language Vocational Education; Recognition of Acquired Competencies (RAC) English Sector Consortium; DARCA Steering Committee for the Eastern Townships School Board and the Riverside School Board; Management Advisory Committee and Centre Directors Committee for the Eastern Townships School Board; and Director, Association of Adult Learners.

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Deborah Valdez to Heritage College and wishing her well in her new role as Director of Student Services.

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