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Heritage College Nursing Graduate from the Pontiac Honoured by l'Ordre régional des infirmières et des infirmiers de l'Outaouais

On October 24, **Ms. Cindy Stafford**, a native of the Pontiac region and 2002 graduate of the **Heritage College Nursing Program**, was honoured by *l'Ordre régional des infirmières et des infirmiers de l'Outaouais* (ORIIO). The ORIIO annually hosts a reception to recognize the academic achievements of recent nursing graduates from the Outaouais region's college and university programs.

Ms. Stafford, who is working currently as a general duty nurse at the Pontiac Regional Hospital, was recommended for this award because she was the recipient of the Deanna Wilson Hughes Memorial Award for having maintained an overall average of 85% for her Nursing courses at Heritage.

The Deanna Wilson Hughes Memorial Award is presented annually to the graduating Nursing student who, in the opinion of the Heritage College Nursing department, best combines excellence in clinical performance, leadership and academic achievement. It is named in memory of the first Coordinator of the Nursing department at Heritage.

The Heritage College community congratulates Cindy Stafford 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 many dynamic career and pre-university programs leading to diplomas and/or attestations of college studies. Nursing at Heritage College is a three-year career program whose graduates are qualified to write the required licensing examinations administered by the Order of Nurses of Quebec (OIIQ). The program is also harmonized with McGill University, allowing graduates who continue their studies to get their Bachelors degree in two years. For the latest information about Heritage, be sure to visit our web site at www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca.

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