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20th Annual Heritage College Awards Banquet

Heritage College rocked the *Palais des Congrès* during its 20th Annual Awards Banquet. An appreciative crowd of students, staff members and guests were treated to a superb evening of cocktails, dinner, awards presentations and entertainment acts, followed by a pub.

Every year, this popular event celebrates the students of Heritage College with the presentation of awards for outstanding academic, socio-cultural and sports achievements. Traditionally, the evening also features an incredible array of talented entertainers from among the students and staff of the College and this year was no exception, showcasing a wide variety of acts. The hosts for the evening were Emily Bradley and Daniel Marchand.

Academic awards were given out to the following non-graduating students with the top academic averages in each of their respective programs:

Accounting and Management	Laura Sample
Commerce	Samantha Dupont
Computer Science	Kevin Brascoupé
Early Childhood Care and Education	Sasha McGregor
Electronics Technology	Ian Bent
Liberal Arts	Riteba McCallum
NewMedia and Publication Design	Alexandre Noël
Nursing	Suzette Bobbit
Science	Lea Restivo
Social Science	Jesse Polowin
Social Science with Math	Bojana Vukosavljevic
Visual Arts	Cielle Schmiedel-Lapointe

In the socio-cultural category again this year, Katrina Whiteduck was presented with the **Aboriginal Award** for contributing her time, cultural expertise and creative energy to help with the success of this year's Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Week. Katrina was commended "for being a very positive and grounding presence among Aboriginal students [at the College]." She is also an active participant in the Heritage Aboriginal Education Council.

This year Karine Duffy and Emily Thompson both received **Science Volunteer Awards** to recognize the time and outstanding effort they had devoted to improving the quality of student life in the Science program, for their leadership and for their active participation in promoting the program. Also, Nick Major, Jesse O'Brien and Victor Palaisy (all from the Science program) were congratulated for winning the local portion of this year's *Science, On Tourne!* Contest, which required them to build a machine, powered only by rat traps and/or springs, that would automatically jump over a bar. Because their "Mile-High Machine" jumped the highest among local entries, they will be representing Heritage at the provincial finals on May 2.

A new award this year for **Best Entertainment** went to the Indian Dance Group choreographed by Karina Karmakar. This group received the most votes during the two Talent Show/Audition evenings which were

held at Heritage prior to the Awards Banquet. These events were open to the public and organized by the 2009 Awards Banquet Committee.

Special recognition was given to the **2008-2009 Peer Tutors**. The Peer Tutoring program is an academic service provided to students *by* students. They are integrated into labs, classes, tutorials and The Learning Centre, helping students to be successful in their courses and programs. Peer Tutoring at Heritage is internationally certified by the College Reading and Learning Association, which is part of the National Association for Developmental Education. Heritage is one of only 12 colleges across Canada to have been awarded a Level 1 international certification. This year's certificates, in recognition of the assistance these students have provided to other students to help them achieve success, were presented to: Ambrose Baptista, Christina Belway, Emily Bradley, Carl Brassard, Irialis Hidalgo, Melanie Jansen, Ashley Amanda Joseph, Martina Landry, Jessica Larabie, Charlotte Maloney, Amanda McEvoy, Jenna Olson, André Richard, Jason Rodrigues, Jennifer Roy, Carol-Ann Renaud, Steven Sanders, Sarah Sullivan, Qui Hua Tian, Amie-Lee Villeneuve and Sonja Washer.

Also recognized and congratulated for their hours of preparation, dedicated teamwork and talented performances in the three productions which took place earlier in the year were the members of the **Heritage College Drama Club**: Miranda Abraham, Brian Babcock, Julia Bélanger, Elena Bernier, Danielle Bissonnette, Emily Bradley, Lisa Brooks, Richard Coelho, Sarah De Montigny, Sara Folkins, David Fuerst-Ackles, Christina Furino, Andrew Giguère, Marc Hands, Braden Jones, Connor Lee, Fabien Lichota, Sarah Marchand, Andréa Mathews, Tucker McDougall, Jason Miszaniec, Cassandra Monette-Thompson, Jesse O'Brien, Stephanie Read, Carol-Ann Renaud, David Schlachter, Nina Vroemen, and Matthew Xhigesse.

Sports awards were given in several categories, including:

Marie-Pierre Harvey	Most Valuable Player, Women's Outdoor Soccer
Elizabeth Mackenzie	Most Improved Player, Women's Outdoor Soccer
Magali Harvey	Rookie of the Year, Women's Outdoor Soccer
Allison McGlashan	Coach's Award, Women's Outdoor Soccer
Antoni Ciepala	Most Valuable Player, Men's Outdoor Soccer
Adrian Cooper	Most Improved Player, Men's Outdoor Soccer
Jake Watson	Rookie of the Year, Men's Outdoor Soccer
John Russell	Coach's Award, Men's Outdoor Soccer
Marlo Bullis <i>and</i>	
Caroline Mahlig	<i>tied for</i> Most Valuable Player, Women's Volleyball
Ana Lakic	Most Improved Player, Women's Volleyball
Megan Bristowe	Coach's Award, Women's Volleyball
Katie Dolan	Most Valuable Player, Women's Basketball
Ria Guidone	Most Improved Player, Women's Basketball
Brianne Philippe-Belisle	Rookie of the Year, Women's Basketball
Marley Orange	Leadership Award, Women's Basketball
Frederick Pratt	Most Valuable Player, Men's Basketball
Justin Villeneuve	Most Improved Rookie, Men's Basketball
John Russell	Coach's Award, Men's Basketball

Congratulations went to Mark Taylor, Antoni Ciepala and Kasper Ciepala for having been selected to be part of the AA Division 3 All-Star Collegiate Soccer team. Katie Dolan, Megan McConnell and John Russell were congratulated for also being selected to be on their respective AA Collegiate Basketball All-Star teams. Ray Compass was named as an AA All-Star coach.

Allison McGlashan received the Female Athlete of the Year Award and the Male Athlete of the Year was John Russell. Ria Guidone was named this year's Best Female Intramural Athlete and Antoni Ciepala was named Best Male Intramural Athlete of the Year.

Congratulations also go to second-year NewMedia student Alexandre Noël, whose eye-catching entry won the annual **Poster Design Contest** and was used in all of the advertising for this year's banquet.

Finally, kudos go to Event Coordinator Christine Smyth from Student Services and the all of the other members of the organizing committee for their outstanding and tireless efforts.

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