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Heritage College Early Childhood Care and Education Reunion



Left to right: Scott Gauthier (1997), Lise Lagarde (1995) and Mona Donnelly (1996)

In the Fall 2008 semester, over 100 graduates of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program returned to Heritage College to reconnect with faculty and friends and to share stories of their professional and personal adventures since graduation.

Representatives from graduating ECCE classes from 1989 to the present networked and remembered their positive experiences as members of the Heritage community. Retired faculty members, Jane Rabb and Donna Mouzard, returned to join the 20-year reunion celebration and found that it was a rewarding closure for their dedicated teaching careers.



Debby Lalonde (1993), Valerie Kluge (1993) and Tammy Spingle (1997)



Debbie Dunn (1991), Josée Carpentier (1991), teacher Pat Gibbons and Cheryl Tenasco (1991).

Most of the graduates of the Heritage Early Childhood Care and Education program are successfully employed in a variety of early childhood professions, such as daycare providers, homecare providers, managers, coordinators and directors of childcare centres, elementary school teachers, and as resource teachers for special needs children. One graduate is now a Professor at the University of Ottawa, while another went into speech therapy and runs a consulting business. Some of the graduates are no longer working directly in the field, but report that they continue to use the knowledge and skills they gained in the ECCE program.



*Tina Boutin (2005), Melina Moore (2005)
and teacher Kathy Cumming*



*Rachel Leblanc (1999) and Danielle
Dallas (1997)*

All of the graduates seemed to share an appreciation of the learning experiences provided by the Early Childhood Care and Education department at Heritage College. Many of them credited these experiences as being the foundation for their ongoing work and education in the field. One former student said that she particularly appreciated the strong role models she encountered in the Heritage ECCE program.

The 20-year reunion evening was a great celebration of the learning, the friendship and the satisfaction that can be found the Early Childhood Education profession.

Early Childhood Care and Education at Heritage College is a three-year diploma program which qualifies students to work with children, from infancy to 12 years of age, in a variety of childcare settings such as: day care, nursery schools, after-school programs, resource centres and home care. Many graduates are also working in administrative positions that deal with children and their education and care.

For more information about Early Childhood Care and Education at Heritage College, or about our other diploma programs, visit: www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca.

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