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Heritage College Computer Science Student wins at the 2010 Hats Off to You! (*Chapeau, les filles!*) Competition



Heritage College Director General, Louise Brunet, congratulates Hanwen Cai on her award.

At a ceremony held at the *Centre de formation professionnelle de l'Outaouais* on April 7, 2010, Hanwen Cai, a graduating student of the three-year Computer Science program at Heritage College, received a \$500 cash prize—one of 17 awarded in the 14th edition of its “Hats Off to You!” competition. Each year, through this competition, the *Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisirs et du Sports du Québec* recognizes the outstanding achievements of women enrolled in vocational or technical education programs leading to traditionally male-dominated occupations or trades, to encourage them to persevere in their non-traditional career choices. Hanwen will also be going to the national gala in Montreal on May 3, 2010, as one of the Outaouais regional representatives.

As the only female in her class, Hanwen is an excellent role model, not only for the female students in the Computer Science program, but for all students at Heritage College. In 2009, Hanwen received a \$1,000 bursary from the Association of Public Sector Information Professionals (DPI). She has been on the Heritage College Dean's Honour Roll, maintaining an overall average of 90% or over in every semester during her full-time studies, and has completed a very successful co-op work term at Versaterm, a local company specializing in public safety software solutions. Her commitment, hard work and positive attitude have enabled her to overcome language and cultural obstacles and excel in her adopted country and field of study.

The Heritage College community congratulates Hanwen Cai for her achievements and wishes her all the best for her professional career.

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