

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



Hanwen Cai – Heritage College Computer  
Science graduate

At a gala event held at the Monument National in Montreal on May 3, 2010, Hanwen Cai, a graduating student of the three-year Computer Science program at Heritage College in Gatineau, received a \$2,000 prize awarded to the best candidate enrolled in technical training in the “Communauté Culturelle” category of the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ministère de l’Éducation, du Loisirs et du Sports du Québec *Hats off to you!* competition.

Each year, through this competition, the Ministère 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.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> earlier this year, Hanwen won a \$500 prize - one of 17 prizes awarded in the Outaouais region.

Hanwen is an excellent role model, not only for 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 more 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.

**About Heritage College:** Heritage College is one of 48 CEGEPs (Collèges d’Enseignement Général et Professionnel) in the province of Quebec, the only English CEGEP in Western Quebec. The College offers five pre-university programs, and eight career programs.

Quality education, small classes, a friendly atmosphere, and dynamic extra-curricular and social activities make Heritage College the perfect place to study and meet new friends. The College’s modern facilities feature a gymnasium, fitness centre, dance studio, comprehensive library, and 156-seat auditorium. Our spacious campus grounds include a large soccer field, basketball court, beach volleyball courts, biking and hiking paths.