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## A New Mission Statement for Heritage College

Heritage College is proud to announce that its Board of Governors has adopted this new mission statement:

**Heritage College is an English cegep proudly committed to your success through a diverse and innovative, community-driven learning experience.**

The six-member Executive Committee of the Heritage Board began the process of renewing the College mission statement in February, 2005, a process that included three rounds of consultations with various groups of College stakeholders.

The Executive Committee began by drafting a preliminary mission statement proposal which, in the first round of consultations, was circulated to all Heritage students, faculty, non-teaching staff and Board members.

At a special meeting of the Executive held in early May, the feedback resulting from that first round of consultations was used to produce a second draft mission statement. That draft became the focus of another round of consultations, during which Director General Claude J. Chénier invited people from each of the following categories: Board members, College managers, faculty, non-teaching staff, current students and Heritage graduates, to participate in small focus groups.

The opinions of those focus groups reshaped that second proposal into a final draft, which was then circulated among several local individuals, groups and organizations, including the Regional Association of West Quebecers, the regional *Table Éducation* and the West Quebec School Board, to give the external Heritage community an opportunity to have their say before the new mission statement was presented to the College Board for adoption.

The Board of Governors believes that this new mission combines the most important points about the vision of Heritage College in one brief defining statement, but this is not the end of the story. The next step for the Executive Committee will be to use a similar process to develop a number of supporting secondary statements, which will articulate the objectives the College has set in order to accomplish that mission.

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