

## Heritage College's new Tourism and Hotel Management Programs to be offered on a permanent basis starting fall 2010.

A press conference was held today at Heritage College to officially announce the authorization received from Michelle Courchesne - Quebec Minister of Education, Leisure and Sports, to offer its new Tourism and Hotel Management Programs leading to a Diplôme d'études collégiales (DEC) on a permanent basis, starting this fall.



*Auberge Heritage – on-campus lab for Hotel Management Program*

The press conference was held in *l'Auberge Heritage* - a modern on-campus facility that will be used as a lab for the Hotel Management Program. During the press conference, Maryse Gaudreault, MLA for Hull and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Stéphanie Vallée, MLA for Gatineau and Parliamentary Assistant to Premier Jean Charest, addressed the assembly, as well as Pierre Roberge, Chair of the Board of Governors, College Director General Louise Brunet, and Academic Dean Jo Anne Werner. Both Mrs. Gaudreault and Mrs. Vallée stressed the importance of these two new programs for the region and the future implications for its economy.

"We worked very hard to have everything in place to begin these two programs in the 2010-2011 academic year. We also lobbied relentlessly to obtain the authorization to offer these Programs on a permanent basis. This process can take up to five years, we are extremely proud that our efforts have paid off, and that we obtained the authorization in just two years! Congratulations to all who were involved in making this happen!" said Louise Brunet, Heritage College Director General.



*Tourism Adventure*

Programs that are offered on a permanent basis are better funded than provisional programs. Assured funding will allow Heritage College to invest even more in the quality and robustness of the Tourism and Hotel Management course offering.

Heritage College is proud to be able to offer these two programs that are unique in Quebec for their local character, their quadrilingual profile (English, French, Spanish or Mandarin) and the international scope of the final semester integrative project. Heritage College will be the first public college in the Outaouais to offer the Tourism and Hotel management Programs, and the only college in Quebec to offer Hotel Management in English.

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