



First classes to graduate from the Cégep Heritage College Hotel Management and Tourism programs

Gatineau, July 3, 2013 – Cégep Heritage College, the Anglophone CEGEP in the Outaouais, held its 2013 graduation ceremony in the Grand Hall of the Canadian Museum of Civilization on June 18th. 258 proud students who graduated from one of the College's pre-university or career programs, or from one of its continuing education programs, received Diplomas or Attestations of College Studies (DEC or AEC).

Parents, friends and dignitaries will remember this graduation as being the first to award DEC's to students graduating from the College's Hotel Management and Tourism programs. The two new 3-year career programs were started in 2009. "We are very proud indeed to have these two new programs that respond to a real need in the Outaouais for bilingual people with the right qualifications to work in our growing hospitality industry" indicated Mme Louise Brunet, Director General. "Our Hotel Management and Tourism program graduates are trained by professionals who came from the hotel and tourism milieu, who know the requirements of the local and regional hospitality industry, and who are excited to share their knowledge".

The keynote speaker was Terrence Kharyati, Principal of the Philemon Wright High School and 1988 graduate of Heritage College, and the valedictorian was Emmanuel Ramirez, graduating student of the College's Social Science program.

The Heritage College Endowment Fund, a charitable foundation created to raise and manage sums of money to be awarded annually to graduating students of Cégep Heritage College, recognized the outstanding academic achievement of graduates in several categories.

Program Awards were also given to graduates whose performance was judged as most outstanding in each of the various academic programs/disciplines offered at Heritage.

About Cégep Heritage College: Cégep 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 four two-year pre-university programs, and eight three-year career programs. Furthermore, its Centre for Continuing Education offers programs leading to Attestations of College Studies and made-to-measure programs for businesses.

Quality education, small classes, a friendly atmosphere, and dynamic extra-curricular and social activities make Cégep 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.