

Cégep Heritage College Hotel Management students off to Greece for an internship.

Gatineau, May 9, 2012 – Nine 2nd year Hotel Management students from Cégep Heritage College, the Anglophone CEGEP in the Outaouais, are setting off for a 16 day internship in Greece next Sunday, May 13th.

Marie-France Bélair, Christopher Tavares Bento, Megan Labelle, Gabrielle Powers, Emily Preen, Marie-Noëlle Prince Rheault, Laurie Vaillancourt, Sophie-Michelle Vincent and Hamelmal Yihenew, along with the program coordinator Poppy Adamantidis, will be visiting nine Greek regions during their stay, including Athens, Meteora, Portaria and the islands of Santorini, Mykonos and Heraklion (Island of Crete).

An agreement with four of the hotels in which the students will be staying will allow them to shadow employees and managers thus learning different aspects of the hospitality industry in an environment other than the Outaouais.

"This is an opportunity for our students to see and work in a hospitality industry that is quite different from the one in the Outaouais" says Poppy Adamantidis, program coordinator. "From an industry primarily based on the federal government and corporate travel, they will be living and working in an industry that breathes history, culture and world-renowned destinations. What's more, students will see the impact of the economic crisis Greece is currently experiencing on the hospitality industry, and will see how Greeks deal with these impacts."

The Hotel Management program at Cégep Heritage College opened its doors to its first cohort of students in August 2010. The 3-year program provides students with the fundamental skills and competencies required to work in the hospitality industry anywhere in the world. The skills and knowledge acquired by the students include front office operations and software, wine and beverage management, menu creation and service, guest service protocol, hotel accounting, event coordination, and hotel sales and marketing.

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 five pre-university programs, and eight career programs.

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.