



## Cégep Heritage College celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Gatineau, July 3, 2013 – On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988, after 16 years as a branch of Cégep de Hull, Heritage College became a fully autonomous college. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, the only English CEGEP in Western Quebec celebrated its 25 years of autonomy.

Sharing the premises of Cégep de Hull on Taché Boulevard in Hull since 1969, the *Pavillon Anglophones* was established in 1972, and 275 students moved into their own premises - a renovated bowling alley on Eddy Street. With a student body that was increasing year after year, the English campus moved twice more over the following years: to *École Ste-Marie* on Maisonneuve Boulevard in 1977, and to *École Immaculée Conception* on Laurier street in 1984.

The active involvement of the Anglophone community and of the Outaouais Alliance group finally bore fruit in 1988, and Heritage College, a completely autonomous English CEGEP, was instituted. In 1994, the College moved once more, this time to a brand new custom built main campus on Cité-des-Jeunes Boulevard bordering Gatineau Park, where it remains today.



The College's primary mission is to ensure the success of its students by providing a diverse and innovative learning experience. "The quality and commitment of our faculty, the effectiveness of our student support services, and the dynamism of our extra curricular activities efficiently support this important mission," indicates Louise Brunet, Director General. "What's more, the College community is closely-knit. Our teachers and our professional and support staff are committed to ensuring that our students are equipped to succeed and to experience nourishing formative years both academically and socially. "

Cégep Heritage College now offers eight technical programs and four pre-university programs leading to a Diploma of College Studies (DEC) to nearly 1100 students. Furthermore, its innovative Continuing Education Centre offers programs leading to an Attestation of Collegial Studies (AEC), evening and weekend classes as well as customized training for businesses.

Sports and cultural life have an important place in the life of the College. Its teams of basketball and rugby, the Hurricanes, regularly participate in inter-collegiate competitions. The College also offers a variety of other physical activities such as yoga, free weights and ski trips to name a few. Cultural activities at the College are not left out: Aboriginal Culture Awareness Week, theatrical productions of the "Bacchus Players Drama Club", "open-mike" cafés and art showcases are some of these activities.



Cégep Heritage College: a public institution of higher learning, proudly committed to its students' success through a diverse and innovative community-driven learning experience.

**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. What's more 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.

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