Announcing Three New Members to the Board of Directors of the Cégep Heritage College Foundation

Gatineau, April 2, 2019 – Carl Marcotte, Chair of the Heritage College Foundation, expressed his delight following the appointments on March 27th, 2019 of: Ruth Ahern, Shannon Townsend and Linton Garner. All three candidates are renowned achievers, proactive leaders in the community and are dedicated to youth, mental wellness and education. They will be lending their knowledge and experience to the currently engaged and passionate members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors comprised of: Carl Marcotte, Martine Rainville, Marc Fricker, Chris Schaler, Ivan Hale, Gail Sullivan, Marie-Paule Dufresne and Michael Randall.

Ruth Ahern hails from the Western Quebec School Board and brings with her vast knowledge in journalism, sociology, education and experience with indigenous communities. She is committed to student success and among other dossiers, elaborates new approaches to address socio-economic disadvantaged schools and communities.

Shannon Townsend hails from the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. Her leadership forte lies in collaborative team work and relationship building to achieve results and building relationships with stakeholders at the local, provincial and federal level. She is a Cégep Heritage College alumnus and is a parent representative on the Board of Governors of the College.

Linton Garner, Executive Director of the Regional Association of West Quebecers (RAWQ) as well as host and content producer of “CityLife” on MAtv Outaouais, is best described as a community-driven person. A community leader and expert in community development, intercultural relations and governance, as well as development of community organizations. He has sound knowledge of governance practices.
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As the College grows, now approaching 1300 students, the needs of the students are increasing. The lack of affordable housing is a significant stressor and is fashioning an augmented number of financially vulnerable at-risk students.

The Foundation believes in equal opportunities for all students and it plays a significant role in assisting the College by investing in student success. Through the community’s generosity, it is building a legacy that will be available to support access, special needs and encourage student achievement in perpetuity. Special thanks go out to our past and current board members, volunteers as well as our cherished donors.”

The Cégep Heritage College Foundation was established in 2013 as a registered charitable organization. Through fundraising activities, the Foundation contributes to the College’s mission to assist the College in responding to the steadily increasing demands for its services. Awarding bursaries, recognition and celebration of engagement and perseverance is an integral part of encouraging our youth to pursue their college studies.

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