

New Algonquin College award honours fallen soldiers

For immediate release:

Wednesday, August 26, Ottawa – Algonquin College will support Project Hero by offering free tuition to dependent children of Canadian Forces personnel killed while serving in an active military mission dating back to February 2002.

"I am extremely proud that Algonquin College is participating in this important initiative which further recognizes the devotion to duty of our Canadian Forces members," said Robert Gillett, President of Algonquin College. "Participating in Project HERO serves to demonstrate our unwavering support of the men and women of the Canadian Forces," Gillett said.

Algonquin's Pembroke campus has a long association with the nearby Canadian Forces Base Petawawa and the College provides geomatics training to Canadian Forces members at its Ottawa campus.

"It's great to see an institution with such strong ties to the Canadian Forces choosing to participate in Project HERO and providing a tangible means of support to those who have lost a serving parent," said Kevin Reed, one of the creators of Project HERO. Reed is chairman of Grey Horse Corporation and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Canadian Forces' 31 Brigade Service Units.

Under the proposal, a child of a fallen soldier would be eligible for a maximum of eight semesters' tuition. Eligible candidates are citizens or permanent residents of Canada, under the age of 26 and registered in a full-time program at Algonquin College. Applications can be made through the college registrar's office.

Launched earlier this year, Project Hero seeks to encourage Canadian post-secondary institutions to provide tuition to the children of fallen Canadian soldiers. A number of institutions have chosen to participate in the initiative.

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