

Media Advisory

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Algonquin College and Industry Leaders Discuss the Workforce Needs of Eastern Ontario at Breakfast Forum

Algonquin College is hosting a breakfast meeting entitled *Addressing the Workforce Needs of Eastern Ontario* on Wednesday, February 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., on the College's Woodroffe Campus. Dr. Kurtis Kitagawa, Principal Research Associate, Education and Learning, Conference Board of Canada, will be the guest speaker for this event, which will include an update on the College's expansion proposals and the ongoing efforts to secure provincial and federal funding. Senior business and industry leaders and government officials will be in attendance at this event.

All levels of government have identified the skills shortage as a major impediment to the growth of the economy as 70 per cent of future careers will require post-secondary qualifications. All three Algonquin College campuses have expansion plans focused on addressing the looming skills shortage and stimulating the economies of Ottawa, Perth and Pembroke. Together, in partnership with municipal governments, industry, union and trade associations, and staff and students, Algonquin College has developed a unique proposal to the provincial and federal governments that will ensure the long-term sustainability of a skilled and educated workforce needed to support the economy in Eastern Ontario.

Who: Robert Gillett, President, Algonquin College
Raymonde Hanson, Vice President, Academic, Algonquin College
Dr. Kurtis Kitagawa, Principal Research Associate, Education and Learning, Conference Board of Canada
Community leaders from Ottawa, Pembroke and Perth

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Where: Algonquin College
1385 Woodroffe Avenue
Salon 'A'
Marketplace Food Court

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