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**ALGONQUIN COLLEGE LAUNCHES ONLINE AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING
AT APPRENTICESHIP AGM**

Algonquin College hosts the unveiling of the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities-funded Automotive Services Technician (AST) Online Training Project at the Heads of Apprenticeship Annual General Meeting. The AST Online Project is lead by Algonquin College and includes Canadore, Centennial, Durham, Fanshawe, and Sault College as participants. This project provides a basis for the development of “virtual colleges” across the province that will provide flexible, current, and relevant *off-the-job* training for apprentices registered in a number of trades.

Who: Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities representatives, and automotive industry representatives - including AST employers and heads of apprenticeship - will be on hand for the AST Online Web site demonstration.

What: There will be a demonstration of the AST Online Project Web site, featuring:

- ▶ a custom-made learning platform
- ▶ animations, streaming video, photos, and text
- ▶ interactive exercises and assessments
- ▶ communication tools

When: Thursday, May 9, 2002
12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Room B170
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