

## Kranenburg receives national scholarship

Lucknow's Marcella Kranenburg, an Algonquin College student was the recipient of the Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges (GWMSC) national-level scholarship from the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF). The scholarship is worth about \$4,000.

"It's an honour to win this scholarship," said Kranenburg, who is a first-year student in the Social Service Worker Program at Algonquin. "I was so surprised when I heard that I had received the scholarship and I was excited about the opportunity to student at Algonquin. It has been an amazing experience and I'm looking forward to my field work."

Kranenburg is currently fulfilling the program's placement requirement at an Ottawa women's shelter.

In order to be considered for this scholarship, the student must have a community-minded outlook as well as solid volunteer experience. Kranenburg's high school volunteer hours included peer support work as well as volunteering in a youth drop-in centre. She said that working in the community, especially with the homeless, is important to her and she feels that winning this scholarship is an important step in her career path.

Founded in 1988, the CMSF supports students who combine academic

promise with character, leadership potential and a commitment to their community.

The first GWMSC scholarships were handed out in 1998 and saw its winners attending 25 Ontario community colleges. They are awarded at the regional, provincial and national levels, ranging from \$500 to \$4,500 respectively. The scholarships are now accepted at over 31 colleges across the country with a total of 141 awards in four years.

"Algonquin College is proud to be involved in the Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges," said Raymonde Hanson, Algonquin College's vice

president academic. "It is important for Algonquin to attract high-calibre high school graduates, like Marcella, who are involved in their communities and this prestigious scholarship helps us achieve that goal."

A graduate of F.E. Madill Secondary School, Kranenburg is not only enjoying her studies at Algonquin but she also likes living in Ottawa.

"I chose Algonquin for many reasons," she said. "I had heard great things about the Social Service Worker Program and I always wanted to live in the capital of our country, so I am really enjoying myself."