

## ALGONQUIN COLLEGE OPENS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

**Ottawa, ON, October 24, 2002:** The doors of Algonquin College's \$23-million Advanced Technology Centre (ATC) officially opened today on Algonquin's Woodroffe Campus. Algonquin College President Robert Gillett, Board Chair Mike Keller, Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli and Dean of the School of Advanced Technology Morris Uremovich were on hand to ceremoniously open the state-of-the-art learning facility.

Says Algonquin President Robert Gillett, "We are determined to ensure that our students have access to the best facilities, the best equipment and the best educational materials in their post-secondary education and training. As a result, Algonquin College graduates will be recognized as the "graduates of choice" in the post-secondary system.

The ATC will house Algonquin's School of Advanced Technology (SAT), utilizing state-of-the-art technology to offer programs such as photonics, and network technology. The ATC is also the location for a joint Bachelor of Information Technology-Network Technology degree with Carleton University.

"The ATC's state-of-the-art facilities helps ensure that Algonquin College can continue to offer leading-edge, technology-based education," says Dean Uremovich. "We are equipping students with the training they will need to meet the demands of our dynamic high-tech communities," adds Uremovich.

The 120,000-sq. ft. ATC houses 30 labs and 18 classrooms; all but one of which are "e-classrooms". This gives the professors in the ATC cutting-edge presentation capability through computer-projection screens, DVD's, VCR's, and full audio. There are approximately 800 computers in the ATC, 60 of which are available 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week to students in the Access Centre.

"This new Advanced Technology Centre is clear evidence that Algonquin College is on the cutting edge and will continue to demonstrate its commitment to building the talent pool required by this whole region," says Algonquin College Board Chair Mike Keller.

Many of the ATC's classrooms, including advanced photonics and Networking labs, are equipped with state-of-the-art security measures. The well appointed laboratories and classrooms utilise appropriate lighting, network wiring and furnishings to fully support the School's academic programming.

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