

Algonquin College Celebrates College Week in Ontario

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 7, 2005 - Algonquin College joins the 24 Colleges across the province this week to celebrate the success and contributions of the Ontario College System during College Week, Nov. 7 – 11, 2005.

Algonquin College is celebrating College Week by participating in and hosting a number of events and activities that will highlight the breadth of career options and opportunities that a College education offers.

“College Week is an excellent opportunity for the community to celebrate the benefits that Ontario’s colleges bring to our society,” says Algonquin College President Robert Gillett. “Algonquin College is a leader in post-secondary education and training that prepares highly-skilled job-ready graduates whose skills are critical to the social and economic development of the communities we serve.”

For the second year in a row, 87% of Algonquin College graduates have found employment within 6 months of graduation, as reflected in the recent annual province-wide Key Performance Indicator (KPI) surveys. Algonquin’s Job Search Cafés, held on the College’s Woodroffe Campus, help facilitate students’ entry into post-graduation employment by answering their job-search questions and reviewing their résumés.

Other College Week activities include the College and Career Week Breakfast and Presentation at the Pembroke Campus and the Work 4 U 2 career options fair for grade 7 and 8 students at the Aberdeen Pavilion in Ottawa.

Another focus during College week will be on the College’s new state-of-the-art Simulation Centre for Health Studies - Phase II. This facility is the first fully-equipped Operating Room Suite and Critical Care/Trauma Unit in an educational facility in Canada, allowing Algonquin College faculty to recreate clinical environments providing opportunity for inter-professional practice, such as Nurses, Physicians, Respiratory Therapists and Paramedics.

About Algonquin College:

Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology is located in the Nation’s Capital and the Ottawa Valley and is the third-largest college in Ontario. Algonquin turns technology to students’ advantage, delivering top-calibre education and valuable experience in high-demand industries. Algonquin College has a diverse population of some 15,000 full-time students and 40,000 part-time registrations in more than 140 programs and is committed to student success.

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