

## **Don Mann Bursary Established at Algonquin College**

**March 24, 2004**

On March 17, 2004, the Ottawa New Car Dealers Association presented a cheque to the Algonquin College Foundation to establish a bursary in memory of the late Don Mann. The Association's \$20,000 gift was matched dollar for dollar by the government's Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTOF) bringing the value of the donation to \$40,000. The cheque was presented to Algonquin College President Robert Gillett and Algonquin College Foundation Chair Barbara Farber.

Don Mann was a respected Ottawa area car dealer as well as the former Executive Director of the Ottawa New Car Dealers Association. The Association has been allied with Algonquin College for more than 30 years. Mr. Mann was personally very supportive of the College's School of Transportation and Building Trades. He was instrumental in helping the transportation programs acquire up to date equipment and he provided a strong connection between the College and the local dealership network.

"Don was a wonderful man and friend of Algonquin College who realized the tremendous importance of education for the future of the local automotive industry," said Mr. Gillett. "I am very pleased that the College and the New Car Dealers Association are able to honour his memory through this Bursary."

The Don Mann Bursary honours his interest in automotive training, in raising the profile of Algonquin College, and his work with the New Car Dealers Association. The New Car Dealers Association hopes the bursary will encourage more young people to enter the automotive industry. The first Don Mann Bursary will be given in 2005.

The Bursary comes at a time when Algonquin College is putting the finishing touches on the new Eastern Technology Transportation Centre being constructed to provide training for automotive service and repair industry workers.

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The new centre is scheduled for completion in the first week of June. The building will allow the College to consolidate its labs and modernize its approach to automotive industry training. The layout will accommodate approximately 250 students and will also include an area for automotive showcases and events. Other design features include improved access for trucks and coaches. It is hope that the new building will enable Algonquin College to offer additional automotive programs in the a fields of parts persons and automotive sales.

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