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ALGONQUIN COLLEGE INTERIOR DESIGN STUDENTS WIN SHAW CARPET AWARD

Ottawa, ON, June 16, 2003: Students in Algonquin College's Interior Design program have won the inaugural Shaw Contract Carpet Creative Design Award at its Annual Grad Show. Awards are given to the top three designs submitted by teams of two first-year Interior Design students. Maryanne Lowe and Erin Shanks are this year's recipients of the first-place award, consisting of a trophy and \$750 donated by Shaw Contract Carpet, to be split between them.

"I am proud of the Algonquin College Interior Design students that have received this award," says Algonquin College President Robert Gillett. "It is a reflection of how Algonquin College is equipping students with the leading-edge training they will need to meet the demands of the interior design industry."

Interior design industry leaders, as well as contractors, architects, and Algonquin students and faculty gather each Spring to view the work of the Interior Design program's graduating class. Algonquin's Interior Design program is in its 31st year and celebrated its 25th Annual Grad Show with the addition of the Shaw Contract Carpet Creative Design Award.

"It was great to see the enthusiasm with which the students approached the competition for the first Shaw Contract Carpet Creative Design Award," says Bob Walton, Territory Manager, Shaw Contract Group - Eastern Ontario. "The winning entries were fabulous and showed the creativity in our young future designers."

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Shaw Carpets also handed out a \$500 second-place award to Interior Design students Olga Dobrokhotova and Rachel Gain and a \$250 third-place prize to Heidi Hamelin and Veronica Smith.

“I am proud of the Interior Design students and of their level of dedication,” says Abla Sherif, Algonquin College’s Dean of the School of Media and Design. “Their hard work was evident in their creative designs and reflects the high standard that is expected in all programs in the College’s School of Media and Design.”

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