

St. Peter High School students win Algonquin College Programming Olympics

Ottawa, Ont., June 3, 2004 – Algonquin College is pleased to announce that four students from St. Peter Catholic High School in Orleans won the second annual Algonquin College School of Advanced Technology (SAT) Programming Olympics.

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“We are always pleased to offer new learning opportunities to students,” said Robert Gillett, President of Algonquin College. “We enjoy encouraging young minds to achieve and are happy to provide them with a forum in which to develop their skills.”

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Jose Arnaldo, Patrick Lalonde, Mike Tomlinson, and Mike Weir won the two-phase computer-programming contest. During the first four-week preliminary phase, students worked at their home schools to build a simplified *Lord of the Rings* battlefield simulator. Phase two was a one-day event held Saturday, May 29, 2004 at the Woodroffe Campus of Algonquin College during which teams worked together to enhance their original programme to meet new requirements.

The winning team from St. Peter High School was selected based on their ability to best implement the changes required to their programme on the final contest day and their computer science design. As winners, the team received a large trophy to display at their school for the year, computer memory keys and custom windbreakers.

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The contest was open to teams of three to five students from high schools throughout the Ottawa Valley region. The team from A.Y. Jackson S.S. placed second in the contest and students representing Lisgar Collegiate Institute were third. Nineteen teams competed.

The contest was hosted by the Algonquin College Computer Studies Department in the School of Advanced Technology. The Computer Studies Department offers many courses including information technology, computer engineering technology, computer engineer, computer systems technician, enterprise network specialist, and information systems security.

“The Programming Olympics was a big success and everyone had a great time,” said Claude Brulé, Chair of Computer Studies at Algonquin College. “We saw some great talent displayed by the high school students of our region and it was wonderful fun for the College faculty and students who organized the event.”

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