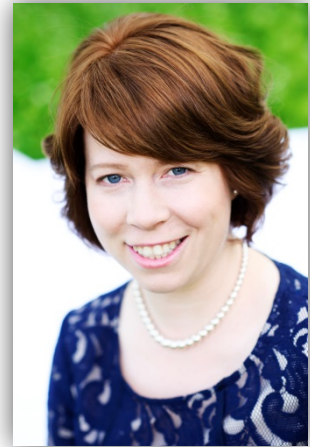


MEDIA RELEASE**New Academic Chair Comes Home to the Valley to Join
Algonquin College Leadership Team**

PEMBROKE - October 21, 2013 - After many years of studying and working in some of the world's leading post-secondary institutes, Megan Conway is coming back home to be part of the senior leadership team at Algonquin College's new Waterfront Campus. The Eganville native, who will assume the role of Academic Chair for the Health and Community Studies department in December, has a Bachelor's degree in Education as well as a degree in Political Science and English Literature from Queen's University, a doctorate degree in Urban Planning from the University of Waterloo, and holds a Masters of Philosophy in Education from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.



Conway joins the College from Pathways to Education Canada, a not-for-profit organization that helps youth in low-income communities graduate from high school and then go on to post-secondary studies. She is the co-founder of the Kitchener Pathways program and has spent more than a decade leading social change programs in Waterloo Region, most notably at Mosaic Counselling and Family Services. Conway has also taught policy and public planning courses at the University of Waterloo and facilitated volunteer workplace experiences for up to 2,000 university students as Director of Community Service-Learning at Laurier University.

In announcing Conway's appointment, Campus Dean Karen Davies, spoke about the College's ability to attract individuals with high credentials who strengthen the campus' credibility in the competitive post-secondary world. "Megan is a bright young woman who is well-educated, ambitious and creative. Her experience working in other centres of higher learning, and within the not-for-profit sector, will be advantageous as the College pursues new opportunities and looks to continue its pattern of enrolment growth and enhanced community outreach," adds Davies.

Conway's leadership ability has earned her the respect of her colleagues and the greater community. The *Waterloo Record* newspaper listed her on its 'Top 40 Under 40' list of citizens who made a difference in the region. That recognition helped propel her to the position of Interim Vice-President of Programs and Research at Pathways to Education Canada, a role that has seen her travel across the country leading strategic initiatives for the organization.

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“I am thrilled to come back to my home town and have the opportunity to work and lead at the new Algonquin College Waterfront Campus,” says Conway. “Much of the work that I have done has been focussed on making life better for the most vulnerable in our society through the power of education. I understand how important the College is to the Upper Ottawa Valley and look forward to working with the staff and faculty to make a lasting and meaningful contribution to the communities we serve,” adds Conway.

The Health and Community Studies department is primarily responsible for the academic delivery of nine full-time programs ranging from the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree program, to the one-year Radiation Safety program. The department also offers continuing education night and weekend classes, and access to post-secondary programs such as Academic Upgrading.

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