

## WELCOME TO ALGONQUIN COLLEGE



Congratulations and welcome to Algonquin College — one of the leading post-secondary institutions in Canada. Since 1967, Algonquin has grown from a community of 500 students to nearly 19,000 full-time learners who study in over 325 programs – from diplomas and bachelor’s degrees to graduate certificates. Adding to our well-established campuses in Ottawa, Perth and Pembroke, in early 2020 the College launched AC Online – our new virtual campus. Algonquin’s reputation has also grown substantially, from that of a small college to a large polytechnic institution that continuously demonstrates its leadership in digitally connected, applied education.

Algonquin College is proud to be recognized as one of the National Capital Region’s Top 25 Employers since 2014. This great achievement would not be possible without the collective contributions of all the talented, committed, and caring employees who are part of our Algonquin College community. Indeed, it is a demonstration of the progress we have made as an institution, empowering our entire College community to succeed. To continue

achieving excellence and ensure that we remain one of the leading post-secondary institutions in Canada, we have committed ourselves to the highest level of client service and high-quality, relevant academic programming. You are also joining an organization committed to Inclusion and Diversity – in 2019, we become the first Ontario college to adopt an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy and launch a 3-year roadmap – and we are striving to embed Indigenous Knowledge in all that we do to further our commitment to [Truth and Reconciliation](#).

I encourage you all to review our new [Strategic Plan](#), which outlines the College’s strategic directions for 2022-2025 – including being learner-driven and being recognized by our employees as an exceptional place to work. Personalization, flexibility and innovation will remain foundational to our goals – both inside and outside the classroom – as we adapt to new realities post COVID-19. I also challenge you to learn our mission statement: “To transform hopes and dreams into lifelong success” and to commit to it, along with our values of *Caring, Learning, Integrity* and *Respect*, in all your undertakings and day-to-day activities.

I have a deep sense of pride in the people who make up our educational institution, each of whom is committed to student success. You have now been selected to join that team. As you begin your career at Algonquin College, I encourage you to ask questions, to get involved and to seek out the resources you need to do your job. Please let us know what the College can do to support you: in turn, we would be delighted to explore what you can do to support the College. We need your professional advice so that together we can continue to provide our students with the excellence in education that they have come to expect from Algonquin College.

Once again, welcome to Algonquin College! We are truly pleased you have joined our team.

**Claude Brulé**, President and CEO, Algonquin College