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Project Hero Gains Momentum

Ottawa, November 11, 2009 – On the occasion of the True Patriot Love Dinner held last night in Toronto, James Knight, President of ACCC, announced that 15 colleges and institutes have committed to Project Hero.

Inspired by retired General Rick Hillier and Honorary Lt. Colonel Kevin Reed, through Project Hero institutions of higher education offer scholarships and bursaries for dependent children of Canadian Forces personnel killed while serving in an active military mission. “We are thrilled to have the support of ACCC as we roll out Project Hero across the country,” said Reed.

Canadian colleges and institutes have strong ties with the Canadian Forces, providing training and educational services to personnel and families. Project Hero will deepen these relationships.

Fifteen colleges have committed to Project Hero scholarships:

Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario

Assiniboine Community College, Brandon, Manitoba

Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology, Thunder Bay, Ontario

Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology, Barrie, Ontario

Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton, Alberta

Humber College, Toronto, Ontario

Justice Institute of British Columbia, New Westminster, B.C.

Lakeland College, Vermillion, Alberta

Loyalist College of Applied Arts and Technology, Belleville, Ontario

Mohawk College, Hamilton, Ontario

Niagara College, Welland, Ontario

Nova Scotia Community College, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Portage College, Lac La Biche, Alberta

Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, Toronto, Ontario

“On behalf of its members, ACCC will work closely with National Defence to ensure that the children of deceased Canadian Forces personnel have every opportunity to achieve their learning goals in Canada's colleges, institutes, polytechnics, cégeps, and university colleges,” said Knight.

Algonquin College was the first to award a scholarship under Project Hero. The recipient is Jocelyn Ranger, a first year business student and daughter of CWO Robert Girouard, from the Royal Canadian Regiment, who died in a suicide attack on November 27, 2006.

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