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Aurora College to host National Conference

FORT SMITH (October 6, 2010) – From October 17 to 19, 2010 Aurora College will host the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) Symposium on Serving Aboriginal Learners in Rural and Remote Communities. The symposium, which will be held at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife, will attract 70 to 100 participants from across Canada, including college presidents, vice-presidents, deans, directors, program coordinators, curriculum developers, and others involved in the research, pedagogy and practice of education for Aboriginal adult learners.

Aurora College President, Sarah Wright-Cardinal, is excited about the opportunity. “We are honoured to have been selected as the host college for this year’s conference and I am especially pleased that respected elders, northern leaders and educators will play a key role in the conference.”

The conference will focus on industry partnerships, community-based programming, student support, student retention, the role of colleges in the economic and social development of Aboriginal communities, and a variety of other topics relevant to those involved in the education of Aboriginal adult learners.

“With its years of experience in serving Aboriginal learners in rural and remote locations, Aurora College is ideally suited to host this event,” said James Knight, President and CEO of ACCC. “These conferences have historically provided an excellent opportunity for participants to discuss best practices, exchange success stories, and seek solutions to common challenges.”

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