

The Algonquin Times wins five awards at the OCNA convention

The Algonquin Times, Algonquin College's student newspaper, won five awards at the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) convention on Saturday, April 5.

"I am proud of the Algonquin College Print Journalism students who have received these prestigious provincial awards," says Robert Gillett, President of Algonquin College. "They underscore the fact that Algonquin College graduates are recognized as the 'graduates of choice' in the post-secondary system."

The Algonquin Times won first place in the university/colleges division for editorial content, advertising, and overall layout. Aedan Helmer, a 2007 graduate, won second prize in the Student News Writing category. Erin Kristalyn, former assistant managing editor of the Times, was awarded second place in the Student Feature Writing category. Daniel Nugent-Bowman, first-year journalism student, and _____, first-year advertising student, were each awarded the OCNA Foundation scholarship worth \$1,000.

The Algonquin Times is no stranger to awards, as they have won many such awards in the past, taking home four OCNA and two CCNA awards at last year's competitions.

"These awards are a continuing string of honours that go back over a decade and reflect the fact that the curriculum we teach surpasses the industry standard," says Joe Banks, Algonquin's Journalism Coordinator. "I am extremely proud of the students and their level of dedication. They ensure that the Times' tradition of award-winning excellence continues to this day."

The OCNA spring convention is held every year to recognize outstanding achievements of Ontario's community newspapers as well as college/university newspapers. The awards recognize the outstanding quality of work produced each week by our member newspapers and showcase it to readers and advertisers. The convention also offers information sessions and networking opportunities for its members.

Newspapers were judged on editorial content, advertising, and overall layout. Editions of the Algonquin Times from December 2006 and April 2007 were used in judgment.

The Algonquin Times is written and produced by print journalism students at Algonquin College's Woodroffe campus in Ottawa. Each edition covers stories that affect the college, its students, and faculty.

"These awards not only reflect well on the program, its faculty and the students, but also on the college at large," says Russell Mills, Executive Dean of the School of

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“We’re honoured to be acknowledged by the OCNA and proud of all those involved with the Algonquin Times,” says Robert Gillett, President of Algonquin College. “Algonquin College emphasizes student success through hands on learning, and this indicates that we are preparing our students for the workplace.”