

News Release**Barbara Farber awarded honorary degree at
Algonquin College's fall convocation**

Ottawa, ON, October 27, 2009 – Among the hundreds of credentials conferred tonight, one of the College's highest honours, an honorary degree, was bestowed upon Barbara Farber, President of the Leikin Group Inc.

"Barbara Farber's business achievements alone would be enough to merit this award," says Robert Gillett. "On top of her professional successes, Barbara has shown unparalleled dedication to our community and our College."

Honorary degrees are given to community members who have shown an exemplary commitment to education, industry and community service. Barbara Farber's community service work includes serving as the founding chair of the Queensway-Carleton Hospital Foundation, the founding chair of the Algonquin College Foundation Board, serving as a member of the Ottawa International Airport Authority Board, Telus Ottawa's Community Board, , the Major Gifts Division of the United Way, among others.

On the business front, Barbara Farber has continued a family tradition of business success and community service that is an example to all. She has led the family firm, Leikin Group Inc., making it a highly successful commercial real-estate developer. Perhaps Leikin Group's most prominent project is College Square, a commercial property situated on land originally farmed by Barbara's grandfather, Harry Leikin. Part of that farm is now also home to Algonquin's Woodroffe campus.

"I'm extremely proud to receive this honour from Algonquin College," says Barbara Farber. "Receiving this award from an institution that is so vital to the community is truly remarkable as it speaks not only to my professional life, but my passion for community service."

Convocation notes:

- Graduates: Over 1,300
- Graduates in attendance: 500
- Awards:
 - **Honorary Degree** – Barbara Farber, President of the Leikin Group Inc.
 - **School of Transportation and Building Trades Award** - Derek Vingerhoeds, graduate of the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technician program.
- Schools conferring degrees and diplomas: School of Business, School of Media and Design, School of Transportation and Building Trades, School of Advanced Technology, School of Hospitality and Tourism, School of Health and Community Studies, Police and Public Safety Institute.

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About Algonquin College:

Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology is located in the nation's capital and the Ottawa Valley and is the largest college in Eastern Ontario. Algonquin is a leader in the integration of technology into learning. Algonquin College has a diverse population of approximately 18,000 full-time students and more than 33,000 part-time registrations in over 140 programs and is committed to student success. For more information please visit www.algonquincollege.com.

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