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Alouettes players are bringing the Grey Cup to Vanier College

Montreal, January 20, 2010. Vanier College is ready to welcome back some home grown Alouette heroes when former Vanier Cheetah, Alouette Slot Back, Danny Desriveaux, accompanied by four of his teammates brings the Grey Cup to Vanier on January 27, 2010 during Universal Break (12:15 to 1:30 PM) and shares their victory with the college and the people who gave them their start.

“Each member of the Grey Cup winning Alouettes assumes possession of the Cup for one day,” explains Linda Macpherson, Director of the Sports Complex, “and Vanier College is proud and pleased that Danny Desriveaux (Cheetahs 99-01) has chosen to share his team’s success with us.”

Danny will bring the Grey Cup to the Sports Complex to allow the Vanier community a chance to meet him and other Cheetah alumni playing in the CFL. Joining Danny will be four other members from the Grey Cup winning Als who are also members of the Cheetah family: Offensive Lineman Paul Lambert (93-94), Defensive End Shawn Mayne (99-01), Defensive Quality Control & Football Operations Assistant Coach Jean Marc Edme (98-00) and Assistant Athletic Therapist Max Hanna (VC Head Athletic Therapist since 2006).



Among the forty-eight Cheetahs who have gone on to play professional football, these players are the first to win the Grey Cup as Montreal Alouettes. When contacted by Danny about bringing the Cup to Vanier, Academic Advisor Marilyn More was “extremely touched that this would be somewhere that he would want to share this special moment”. Marilyn has a special connection with many Vanier student athletes as she is the resident “guru” concerning NCAA and CIS academic admissions policies concerning eligibility requirements for athletic scholarships. Most Vanier College athletes who go on to university via athletic scholarships will have spent many hours with Marilyn attempting to decipher these complex rules.

The current Cheetahs football team and coaching staff will be on hand for the Grey Cup visit on the 27th along with former Vanier coaches: Defensive Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator - Bishop’s Gators Ray Gagnon (95–02), and Special Teams Coordinator – University of Montreal Spiro Feradourous (99-01). Other current CFL “Cheetahs”, Marwan Hage (Hamilton Tiger Cats and 2009 Tom Pate Memorial Award recipient), Jabari Arthur, Tristan Black, Marc Calixte and Randy Chevrier (Calgary Stampeders), Kevin Challenger and Patrick Kobongo (Edmonton Eskimos) and Adrian Davis (Toronto Argonauts) have also been invited.

Marilyn More who is not only a dedicated academic advisor but also an avid football fan sums up her excitement at the coming visit, “I am so thrilled that these young men remember what a positive experience they had at Vanier, not only on the football field, but with their academic experience. They acknowledge that they had to be successful in the classroom to be NCAA qualifiers and receive scholarships to U.S. colleges. So many former Vanier Cheetahs are now grads of prestigious U.S. and Canadian universities. Their successful academic and athletic performance led them to professional careers in the CFL.” And it all started at Vanier.