

PRESS RELEASE



CÉGEP
VANIER COLLEGE

821 Ste-Croix, St-Laurent QC H4L 3X9 Tel: 514.744.7500 Fax: 514.744.7505 info@vaniercollege.qc.ca www.vaniercollege.qc.ca

March 20, 2007

National AAA Basketball Champions. The Vanier College Lady Cheetahs bring home Gold.

AMAZING! In a thrilling come-from-behind victory, the Lady Basketball Cheetahs won Vanier College's first ever Women's National AAA Basketball Championships and brought home the Gold Medal, on Saturday, March 17, 2007. In a nail-biting intensive final match, the Lady Cheetahs defeated an extremely tough team from Collège Édouard-Montpetit 82-80 at McEwan College in Edmonton and brought to a fitting close the extraordinary season of a team with indomitable spirit.

Trailing by 14 points at one point in the second quarter, the Cheetahs fought back and reduced the deficit to only 4 points at the end of the 3rd quarter and fought off the tenacious Lynx in the last seconds of the game to earn the national crown. It proved a fitting conclusion to a fairy tale season that saw the Lady Cheetahs take a well-earned #1 national ranking from the regular season to go on to win Vanier's first ever Provincial championship and then complete the run by capturing the ultimate prize: the CCAA National Women's Basketball Championship.

The last moments of play were incredibly tense with two out-of-bounds plays in the last 17 seconds - one each way. In a nerve-racking ending, and with the opposing team missing two foul shots with five seconds left, the final score of 82 - 80 left Vanier jumping off the bench in the gold medal victory.

Congratulations go out to the Lady Cheetahs and to coaches Ruby Viray, Tina Fasone and Mai-Anh Nguyen for an amazingly gutsy victory. After such a heart-stopping see-saw battle, Vanier can finally start breathing again! What a game! What a team!

-30-

For information please contact:
Marguerite Corriveau, Vanier Communications Officer
Telephone: (514) 744-7500, ext. 7596
Email: marguerite.corriveau@vaniercollege.qc.ca