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## **Hats Off to You! 2007-2008 Winner Stefanie Taylor Does Vanier College proud**

When Vanier College student Stefanie Taylor received a *Hats Off to You!* 2007-2008 Award on May 5<sup>th</sup>, she was following in the footsteps of her father, her grandfather and her great grandfather. And that's the point of *Hats Off to You!* a province-wide program run by the Ministry of Education which awards scholarships to young women who dare to follow their own bliss and are enrolled in technical programs leading to traditionally male-dominated occupations. Stefanie Taylor, a student in Architectural Technology at Vanier College won a \$500 regional award and a \$2000 award for Entrepreneurship.



“Winning this competition is so motivating. It makes me want to keep doing better,” she says of her award. Stefanie comes from a family of builders, contractors and renovators. She grew up near and on construction sites, watching, learning, and getting a taste for the family occupation in construction and design through helping her father who built two of their family homes. “My dream is to start my own business buying and renovating houses,” she explains, “like they do on Flip that House.”

Stefanie is so passionate about her interest that she chose to come all the way from North Hatley to Montreal in order to attend Vanier College, the only English Cegep in Quebec that offers the Architectural Technology program.

“I am so eager to graduate from my program and go out into the workforce; however what I am more excited about is continuing to learn, develop skills and acquire experience so that I can, one day, open my own office. Architectural Technologies has allowed me to develop my imagination. It has also opened my eyes to the complex world of construction and I believe that I can combine what I have learnt with my determination and strengths to run my own business.

Stefanie who attended Alexander Gault High School in Lennoxville before coming to Vanier, hasn't yet decided what she will do after Cegep. At the moment she plans to work for a while then perhaps pursue university studies. “I'm thinking of Architecture but I'm also interested in construction project management.” This summer she'll learn more about the ropes of the trade when she goes to work for a construction company in Sherbrooke.

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