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Two Vanier College graduates are among top Nursing students in Québec

Vanier College is pleased to announce that Lyn De Leon a Vanier Nursing graduate who is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing at McGill University, is the winner of the 2007 study bursary awarded by the Quebec Order of Nurses (Ordre des infirmiers et infirmières du Québec - OIIQ). The \$5000 bursary is awarded to the most deserving student chosen among all nursing graduates from the four English cegeps offering studies in Nursing and that are attached to McGill University.

Since the award was inaugurated four years ago, it is a Vanier graduate who has won it for the last three years. The selection committee criteria for choosing a winner are high academic standing and nursing experience; community involvement and accomplishments in school activities and associations, and in professional and regional organizations; and research and authorship of scientific articles, and booklets, brochures, or pamphlets on health issues and nursing.

Another Vanier graduate, Jennifer Doran who is currently in her first year of Baccalaureate Studies in Nursing at McGill, also won the \$3000 Eaton Foundation Scholarship from the Canadian Nurses Foundation and a \$2000 Entrance Scholarship from McGill University. As well, Jennifer Doran placed fifth out of 2,486 Cégep or University nursing graduates who wrote the OIIQ Registered Nurse licensing exams last September.

The professional examination is the final step that leads to obtaining the license to practice nursing in Quebec. The review aims to assess professional integration of the required knowledge, skills and judgment necessary to solve the clinical situations that arise in the practice of a nurse debutante. The examination which focuses on the current practice of nursing is composed of two complementary and interrelated parts: the written portion consists of a hundred open-ended questions requiring a short written answer, and the practical part consists of an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE). In this part, the candidate runs a circuit of 16 stations where she meets patients presenting different fictitious health problems requiring a nurse's intervention.

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