



## News Release

### Nunavut Arctic College Fine Arts and Crafts Program to Create Women's Hockey Cup

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 16, 2005)** – Governor General Adrienne Clarkson has selected the staff and students at Nunavut Arctic College's fine arts and crafts program to design the Clarkson Cup, which will signify supremacy in women's hockey.

"Both Nunavut and Nunavut Arctic College are honoured that the governor general has recognized the talents and abilities of the college by awarding this commission," said Nunavut Education Minister Edward Picco, who is the minister responsible for the college.

The Governor General recently announced her plan to donate a trophy in her name to women's hockey. The trophy will be awarded annually to the top female hockey team in Canada.

The announcement was made at a joint luncheon of the Empire and Canadian clubs in Toronto on Sept. 14, 2005. The trophy, to be referred to as the Clarkson cup, is expected to become a symbol of supremacy in Canadian women's hockey -- similar to how the Stanley Cup donated by former Governor General Lord Stanley became the ultimate prize in the NHL.

Beth Biggs, senior instructor of the fine arts and crafts program, will be responsible for pulling together the design and facilitating its construction.

"Graduates and students of the program are excited by the announcement and specifically about their participation in the production of the cup," said Biggs. "I feel proud about being asked to undertake such an important project. I feel the Governor General has a true love of the north and sees it as a place of inspiration, where anything can happen. I am thrilled to be honored with such a commission"

Work on the project will commence this fall and is expected to be ready for June 2006.

“I am extremely pleased that Nunavut Arctic College students are going to have an opportunity to work on such a prestigious project. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talents,” said Picco.

The Clarkson Cup will be produced at Nunavut Arctic College’s arts and crafts studio in Iqaluit.

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