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Northern partnership for two Francophone post-secondary institutions

Hearst, November 2, 2022 - Nordicity and Francophonie: these are two of the themes that is uniting the Université de Hearst and the Collège nordique francophone from Northwest Territories in a partnership that will contribute to the development of Francophone university programming in the North of the country.

Representatives from both institutions signed an agreement confirming this partnership Wednesday morning in Hearst. This pedagogical partnership will lead to the development of innovative credit courses in collaboration between the two institutions. The first joint course will be offered in the spring of 2023 to the population of Université de Hearst and Collège nordique francophone but also to the entire francophone population of the country, thanks to a course offering in bimodal or virtual courses. Thus, after two weeks of learning, students will meet in Yellowknife for a week. The theme of the course and other details will be announced at a later date. The partnership also anticipates that courses will be developed and offered in the coming years.

According to Université de Hearst President Luc Bussièrès, this agreement "is part of the institution's desire to increase its visibility on a national scale, and to make its unique francophone offer in North America, based on an innovative model that allows each student to take one course at a time toward a bachelor's degree. Through this partnership, Collège francophone nordique hopes to increase its pedagogical capacity and make education more accessible to the French-speaking community. "This is a great opportunity to offer our students enriching experiences and encounters between Francophones from across the country," says Patrick Arsenault, Executive Director of Collège francophone nordique.

About Hearst University

Hearst University defines itself as a francophone learning ecosystem that is both innovative and engaging. It aims to be an incubator of actors and talents contributing positively to the improvement of their environment, in a complex world where the inclusion of all is essential. In this sense, it gives priority to the development of each person, the development of human and professional skills, and the practice of increasingly independent thinking.

About the Collège nordique francophone

The mission of the Collège nordique francophone, a non-profit organization, is to offer post-secondary and continuing education programs, and language courses. Its clientele is composed of learners from various communities in the Northwest Territories and elsewhere. It is the only organization offering this type of training in French north of 60 in the world.

Declaration of territorial recognition of the Collège nordique francophone

We recognize that the Collège nordique francophone is located in the territory of Chief Drygeese, in the Akaitcho region, the traditional territory of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. We are grateful to the First Peoples for the opportunity to meet and work on this territory.

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