

Molly Van Bavel promises to shave her head for Algonquin College

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Photo 1: Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet, Molly Van Bavel, Cut-Rite owner, and Jamie Bramburger of Algonquin College, at the opening of the new Cut-Rite Family Hairstyling operation in Petawawa.

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PETAWAWA, ON - The owner of Cut-Rite Family Hairstyling is putting her hair on the line for Algonquin College.

Molly Van Bavel, a past winner of the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, used the occasion of the official opening of her fourth store to announce she will shave her head once she has raised \$10,000 to donate to the capital campaign for the new college campus.

She will be collecting the cash through her customers and network of family, friends and business associates.

Throughout her career, Ms. Van Bavel has been a mentor and strong supporter of the apprenticeship training program for hairstylists.

She has been active in several school-to-work activities that support student learning, including the annual Options Skilled Trades Fair and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program.

Ms. Van Bavel frequently takes high school co-op students into her operations, allowing them to learn more about the field of hairstyling, better preparing them to make career decisions.

In 2005, Cut-Rite Family Hairstyling was one of 13 Ontario businesses to receive a Minister's Award of Excellence in Apprenticeship training.

"I believe in college and apprenticeship training, and look forward to the building of the new Algonquin campus to serve our region," she said. "This is an important project for everyone in our area and that's why I am prepared to shave my head to raise funds for Algonquin College."

Construction of the new \$36 million campus will begin along Pembroke's waterfront in the spring of 2011, and is set to open in the fall of 2012.

Cut-Rite has been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1980 and employs more than 35 staff at its four locations; two in Pembroke - both of which includes other cosmetic and beauty services such as a spa - one in Smiths Falls and now one in Petawawa.

"I have had a lot of success in business and continue to enjoy my work," Ms. Van Bavel said.

"I was not planning to expand my business, but feel that there is a wonderful opportunity in Petawawa as the area continues to grow and I believe our new location will be very successful."