

School News from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

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Bright Future for PSW Graduates

Cornwall, ON – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario’s Board office in Cornwall recently hosted a Certificate and Pinning Ceremony for students completing the Personal Support Worker Program. The program is delivered by the CDSBEO’s Adult and Continuing Education initiative through St. Matthew Catholic Learning Centre.

The pins are presented to Graduates as proof of registration with the Ontario Long Term Care Association.

Graduates received warm praise for their hard work and dedication from Trustees, Board administration, teachers and family. “The fact that many graduates could not attend today because they are working is a testament to the success of this program,” said St. Matthew Principal Bev Bellefeuille. “Seventy percent of graduates are already working. The others have gone on interviews and should be working shortly.”

Todd Lalonde, Trustee for the City of Cornwall & Glengarry said the program is proof of the students’ desire to succeed. “When people think of education, they assume it’s for the youngsters. As a Trustee, I’m very happy to see educational programs expanded for learners of all ages.”

“This is only the start for me,” said student Sharon Ellis, upon receiving her certificate and pin. “I’m going to complete my secondary school education and attend college to become a registered practical nurse. I may also go on to be a registered nurse, or maybe even teach. This has been a life changing opportunity for me, and I’m thankful for it.”

Superintendent of Education Jane McMillan addressed the graduates, praising the students for their decision to return to school and take up such an important occupation.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will be offering another Personal Support Worker Program starting on February 19 in Cornwall, and hopes to expand the program to other jurisdictions, including Kemptville.

For more information on the Personal Support worker program or other Adult and Continuing Education programs, please contact St. Matthew Catholic Learning Centre at 613-930-9928.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.