

## SADC

Gatineau Valley Société d'aide au développement des collectivités

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### **Maniwaki, December 2, 2009 – STUDENTS DISCOVER THE PASSION**

Last November 19 and 20, about thirty students from secondary schools in Gracefield and Maniwaki had an opportunity to visit eight Gatineau Valley businesses. For starters, on November 19, students from the Cité étudiante de la Haute-Gatineau paid visits to the Menuiserie Lafrenière, Créations MJL, Rembourrage 4 saisons and La Mie sous la croûte. Each of the business owners had about one hour to promote their business and describe the business experience they gained. According to the students, all in their fifth year of secondary school, these visits were very rewarding and gave them a chance to learn many interesting things.

Meanwhile, a group of fifth year secondary students from École primaire et secondaire Sacré Coeur de Gracefield visited Pharmacie Delombarde et Hélie Cardin, la Société sylvicole de la Haute-Gatineau, ASM Informatique and Auclair, Leblanc, surveyors, on November 20. Once again, the young clientele learned from their discussions the steps involved in starting a business and the day-to-day challenges that must be met.

The passion conveyed by these entrepreneurs will unquestionably serve as a source of motivation for these up-and-coming adults. Although they are not all that optimistic about the present and the future in the Gatineau Valley, one could feel at the end of the day that few positives are needed to change this vision and to stoke their passions.

The objective of these days, which were organized by the Gatineau Valley SADC in collaboration with teachers Gilles Crites (Gracefield) and Daniel Larche (Maniwaki), was to show that you can start a business in the Gatineau Valley and succeed. Thanks to the warm generosity shown by participating entrepreneurs and all of the stakeholders in the project, this activity can be termed a success.

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(Caption)

Murielle Pigeon shares her passion with the students.