

Lambton's International Program Wins Provincial Award for Excellence!

(Sarnia) – **Lambton College's** Educational Partnership in China (EPIC) has been selected for a 2008 Colleges Ontario Award that recognizes excellence and innovation in education.

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Jilin University, one of China's Key Universities, ranked in the top ten Chinese universities is China's largest university with over 60,000 students. Jiagnan University is a provincial level university, in Jiangsu province and is highly ranked as a comprehensive, research oriented university.

"We are very proud to be working with other post secondary educators to provide world-class education in other parts of the world," said Lambton College president Tony Hanlon. "By working together we not only provide the skills and training needed to succeed in a global marketplace but we also gain valuable cultural experiences that benefit all the partners, our students and our communities."

Through EPIC, students develop their English language skills and learn valuable technology and business skills, while completing diplomas and degrees. As well, many graduates have secured high-paying jobs or have gained admission to graduate programs in North America, Europe, Australia and China.

The Colleges Ontario Awards were established in 2000 to recognize individuals, organizations and volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Ontario's college system.

BACKGROUND

2008 COLLEGES ONTARIO AWARD RECIPIENTS COLLABORATIVE EDUCATORS AWARD: Education Partnership in China (EPIC)

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Willis College is extremely proud of its partnership with Lambton College and extends heartfelt congratulations for such a prestigious award.

From left to right: Bob Henry, Rima Aristocrat & Tony Hanlon – 2007 trip to China.