



Message on behalf of the Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew
Graduation Ceremony for Teknowave
November 4, 2004
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear students, parents and professors. I regret not being able to attend this evening's ceremony. I would, however, like to express my sincere congratulations to all the graduating students from Teknowave.

You should be very proud of your achievement, and of the hard work you have devoted to your studies. The time you have spent here is a major investment into your future.

As you know, the IT Industry is very competitive and also offers a world of opportunities to those who are well trained and highly motivated. With all you have learned during your time here, you are in a position to take advantage of those opportunities.

Teknowave has been developing programs that respond to the growing needs of our Aboriginal workforce. Industries, governments and other organizations are eager to tap into the number one resource Aboriginal Canadians have to offer, your minds.

To each and every one of you, I offer you my very best wishes for careers that fulfill you, for life-long learning that sustains and renews you, and prosperity that will give you a good quality of life.

Ethel Blondin-Andrew