



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Enrolment Continues to Rise

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON September 23, 2010) At a presentation to the Board of Governor's tonight, Sault College unveiled enrolment numbers that indicate steady growth.

Since the fall of 2007, Sault College has seen its full-time student enrolment increase by 22%. Sault College's enrolment continues its steady increase this year. As of last week, the College greeted 2,386 students. When Apprentice students and part-time students are included, Sault College enrolment tops 4,100.

"Total enrolment has reached 2,386 on Day Ten – the highest College head-count the College has seen in the last few years," states a pleased Dr. Ron Common, President of the College. "Over a third of those – 700 students – have arrived from outside of our city who have made Sault Ste. Marie their educational destination," adds Common.

With all years combined, the full-time enrolment of post-secondary students has climbed to an impressive 2,386 full-time post-secondary students, compared to 2,351 students last year at this time. The total number served, including Apprentice, Academic Upgrading and Continuing Education is 4,108. The total enrolment will also increase when January starts begin next term, with eight programs being offered to accommodate those not able to begin in September. General Arts and Science – One Year, Journalism – New Media, Law and Security, Personal Support Worker, Police Foundations, Practical Nursing, Pre-Health Sciences and Business will all be offered in January, 2011.

"These numbers speak to students seeing that they can get the education they want and more and feel good about the investment they have made in their studies with us," stated Leo Tiberi, Vice-President, Academic, Sault College, who gave the presentation to the Board. "We will continue to grow to meet the increasing demands for our excellent academic programs and services, and the construction of our new innovative building will reflect such growth," continued Tiberi.

To accommodate the growing numbers, additional seats and/or sections were added to thirteen programs, including Adventure Recreation and Parks Skills Technician, Automotive,

Welding and Metal Fabrication, Early Childhood Education, Child and Youth Worker, Social Service Worker, Digital Photography, Office Administration, Renewable Energy and Green Construction Techniques, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Technician, and Community Integration through Cooperative Education. All of these saw increases that led to the adding of seats to accommodate the increased number of applicants, with two of the newest College programs – Digital Photography and Renewable Energy and Green Construction Techniques, also seeing the adding of seats.

“We are extremely proud of the staff, students and faculty across the College who are continuing to work together to contribute to our success,” states Leo Tiberi. “Overall, the growth we are seeing across the College in many of our programs is very exciting to see, with 13 waitlisted programs,” he adds.

A number of other factors in addition to revamped programming, high provincial performance indicators on staff, services, student and grad satisfaction; and strong recruitment and retention, are bringing increased exposure to the College around the province. This fall, the College has \$48.4 million dollars in capital projects well underway on campus. The Algoma Public Health building construction is progressing at a steady rate, the arrival of a nurse practitioner’s clinic on the campus – the first one approved for funding on a College campus in the province of Ontario, will commence later this year, and construction of a new hangar at the airport has begun to accommodate growth in the College’s aviation student population.

Furthermore, a campus rebuild that will further enhance teaching and learning activities is on schedule and on budget, and the College’s newest partnership with Extencicare is bringing further exciting learning opportunities to campus.

“In the past few years, the staff has been fantastic in accommodating the increased number of overall students, states Rick Wing, Registrar, Sault College. “Our staff combines strong professional and customer service skills with a passion and commitment to students and their success throughout their education journey with us. We are very pleased that we have been able to continue to build on our success and grow at a steady pace because of them.”

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About Sault College

Sault College reaches students through post secondary, continuing education, apprenticeship training and third party contract training. Sault College offers a full range of programs: Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Post Graduate Certificates, Degrees, and Apprenticeship programs. Key Performance Indicator (KPI) surveys demonstrate that almost 90% of Sault College students are employed within six months of graduation and student satisfaction is among the highest in the province. Sault College, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca for more information.

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