



Sault College News Release

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Community Generosity Ensures Student Success at Sault College

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON March 15, 2011) The strength of one's financial assistance program is critical to ensuring that all students continue to get access to educational opportunities. In the Sault College Financial Assistance department, awards are given to deserving students based on academic merit, personal attributes and unmet need. With a population of approximately 2,400 full-time students, just over \$2 million is distributed each year at Sault College.

The 38th annual Sault College Scholarship, Bursaries and Awards (SBA) event will be held on Tuesday March 22nd, and will honour 265 top students in their programs. Shelly Nelson Bond, Child and Youth Worker graduate and winner of the 2010 Governor General's Award, will be speaking at the event on behalf of recipients. This year, Paul Martin, Electrical Engineering Technology – Process Automation graduate, is the top award winner who will receive the Governor General's Academic Medal Award. This award goes to the student graduating the year before from a three-year program with the highest academic standing.

The annual SBA event, held at the Comfort Suites & Conference Centre, brings donors and students face-to-face in a celebration of thanks to the donors for their ongoing support. More than 100 donors are expected to attend.

"This evening is all about celebrating the success of very special Sault College student achievers," says Terry Ableson, Financial Aid Administrator and Chair of the SBA program. "Our SBA night is truly the highlight of the academic year. We continue to be inspired every year by

the tremendous gesture that members of our community make to provide funds for students to receive post secondary education.”

Each year, the generosity of donors is increasingly evident as the College receives new donations. This year, several new awards will further benefit Sault College students. These include the ACF 2010 Industry Partnership Award, Terence Au Coin Award, Lucia Katia Deluca Memorial Award, Digital Photography Award for Visual Merit, Early Childhood Education Collaboration Award, Early Childhood Education Professional Practice Award, Victoria Page Memorial Scholarship, RBB Innovations Ltd. Award for IT Studies Students, Retired Teachers of Algoma Scholarship and the Walkerton Clean Water Centre- Co-op Centre.

“We are proud of our Scholarship, Bursary and Award winners and extend our sincere appreciation to the many individuals, organizations, and businesses whose support allows the College to honour our students,” says Ron Common, Sault College President.

Sault College congratulates award recipients in striving for academic excellence while being dedicated to achieving their personal best, and to all those who support College students.

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About Sault College Financial Aid

The Sault College Financial Assistance Office offers over \$2 million in Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards each year. This office administers the Ontario Student Assistance Program, Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards, and the Tuition Fee Bursary Program. Assistance is also offered to help those students who are experiencing difficulties in meeting their educational costs by offering a number of other financial assistance services including budget counselling for groups or individuals, high school OSAP workshops, classroom presentations, and seminars on debt repayment. Over 85% of Sault College students receive financial assistance including Entrance Awards, In Course Awards, OSAP, Student Access Guarantee Bursaries, Student Financial Assistance Bursaries and Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards.

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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