



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Peace and Conflict Studies Program Celebrates International Day of Peace**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON September 17, 2010) The International Day of Peace on September 21 is observed each year on the opening day of the regular session of the United Nations General Assembly. This day provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations to create practical acts of peace on a common day. This year, students and staff of the Peace & Conflict Studies program invite the community to celebrate the International Day of Peace by attending a screening the short thirty-two minute film documentary *The Day after Peace*. The film will air on Tuesday September 21 at 11:30am in the Multi Media Centre.

*"The Day After Peace* is a moving testament to the power of the individual and the perseverance of the human spirit. . . . It charts the remarkable 10 year journey of Jeremy Gilley to establish an annual Peace Day on September 21<sup>st</sup> to recognize an official day of cease fire and non violence around the world" ([www.peaceday.org](http://www.peaceday.org), 2009).

The United Nations International Day of Peace is "a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the day" (General Assembly, 2001). It is a day devoted to promoting peace and uniting individuals, communities and organization around the world, creating "a window of opportunity for humanitarian efforts" ([www.peaceday.org](http://www.peaceday.org), 2010). In 2002 the United Nations General Assembly officially declared September 21 as the permanent day for the International Day of Peace. By 2007, 100 million people around the world were observing the day ([www.internationaldayofpeace.org](http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org), 2010).

Admission to this event is free and space is limited.

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**About Sault College Peace & Conflict Studies Program**

Sault College Peace & Conflict Diploma program is an interdisciplinary two year diploma program that emphasizes peace relations through understanding, education and action. Graduates will be well equipped to work for peace in their personal and professional lives. The program is structured to promote the sustainable cultivation of a culture of peace by developing skills and capacities for the reduction of all forms of violence and the promotion of social justice, human rights, environmental care, health & well being and cultural respect on individual, communal and global scales. Peace and Conflict Studies is the only two year community college diploma program of its kind in the province of Ontario. Sault College, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario. Visit our website at [www.saultcollege.ca](http://www.saultcollege.ca) for more information.

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