



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Hosts Annual Pow Wow

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON April 8, 2011) Sault College is pleased to carry on the tradition of hosting its annual Pow Wow on campus. On Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17th in the Sault College Gymnasium, the Native Student Council (NSC) and the Native Education Department at Sault College will come together to host a weekend of celebration, Anishinaabe style.

“Pow Wow’s bring people together to give thanks and reflect on the importance of family, friends and neighbours,” says Nina Kent, NSC President Elect. “All are welcome to attend the Pow Wow, and are encouraged to participate in this cultural experience.”

The coveted Pow Wow will feature the host drum group Elk Spirit Singers, from local First Nations. Also from the area, Nimkii Nokomis will be the co-host drum for the weekend. Other special guests include Niiwin Nimkee drum group and representing the surrounding First Nations are head dancers Nelly Pywasit and Keith Edgar.

“Sault College is pleased to host this dynamic and important event here on campus,” says Dr. Ron Common, President, Sault College. “We are an education destination for Native students

from around the province. Our College, and more specifically, our Native Education and Training Department continues to offer students a unique learning environment respectful of language, traditions, culture and values, and this Pow Wow is yet another example of how this is done,” says Common.

The Pow Wow will feature Aboriginal singers, and dancers in full regalia who will share their skill and cultural expression through dance. There will also be many Aboriginal artists offering a wide variety of handcrafted leatherwork, beading, moccasins, and jewellery. Food vendors will be offering a wide selection of traditional Aboriginal foods and will operate throughout the event.

On Saturday, April 16th, dancer registration begins at 10:30am, the Grand Entry will begin at noon, and a delicious feast will take place at 5:00pm. On Sunday, April 17th, the Grand Entry will also take place at noon.

More information on the Pow Wow will be posted on the Native Education website when it becomes available. Keep checking www.nativeeducation.ca for updates. You may also call Nina Kent at 705-759-2554 ext. 2570 or Noella Boissonneau at ext. 2758 for more information.

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About Sault College Native Education

Sault College continues to enrol, educate, and graduate Native students from programs across the College. The Native student population has grown rapidly over the past few years, and we are committed to serving ever-larger numbers of Native learners during the years ahead. Dedicated to Native student success, our Native Education Department offers a unique learning environment which embraces language, culture, and traditions with an emphasis placed on student success strategies that will assist students in achieving excellence both academically and in their chosen career. 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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