



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Receives City Support for new Student Health and Wellness Centre

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON May 31, 2011) The City of Sault Ste Marie has voted in favour of supporting a capital contribution totalling one million dollars towards Sault College's campus redevelopment initiatives. The funding, to be dispersed over a four-year period, will directly contribute to the building of a new Student Health and Wellness Centre. This centre will support our students as they continue to grow with us and will reflect the excellence seen across the College.

"The new Student Health and Wellness Centre is a vital component of our evolving college curriculum. Our numerous Health Programs will be significantly enhanced by offering a first-class learning opportunity to our students," says Dr. Ron Common, President of Sault College. The centre will consist of state-of-the-art academic labs, fitness rooms, learning spaces and a new gymnasium to better accommodate the growth of varsity sports and promote a healthy lifestyle for students and our community.

The students of Sault College have sent a clear message with a \$3 million contribution towards this project. The Sault College Students' Union voted overwhelmingly in favour of providing financial support for a Health and Wellness Centre through a student-wide vote in 2010. Their commitment serves as an inspiration for all, to provide our students with the new facility that they need and deserve.

Sault College is currently initiating a significant philanthropic campaign to raise the remaining funds needed to build the centre. In September 2010, Sault College announced the appointment of Jim Boniferro to lead a campaign cabinet team as the College continues to expand and modernize its facilities. “We know that to remain vibrant in the field of post-secondary education we must continue to reposition our campus infrastructure” says Boniferro. “Our aging buildings, even with state-of-the-art equipment and experienced staff and faculty, cannot meet the demands of our evolving curriculum.”

The campus redevelopment initiatives underway at Sault College are the largest capital investments ever made in the College’s 40-year history. Our growth would not be possible without the support of our City council and community.

Sault College would like to express our sincere gratitude to the City of Sault Ste Marie for their support in advancing post-secondary education in our community.

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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 85% of Sault College students are employed within six months of graduation, the highest rate in Northern Ontario. 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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