



Sault College News Release

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Bridge Bi-National Scholarship Begins



(Sault Ste. Marie, ON January 17, 2011) The Student Financial Services Office has received a donation totalling \$100,000 courtesy of Bridge Inc. Today, Donald Gerrie, Peter Nixon and Gerry McGuire, the three founding members of Bridge Inc. met at the College to present a cheque to Dr. McLain, Lake Superior State University President, and Dr. Common, Sault College President.

After meeting, the committee also spent time selecting the very first recipient of the Bridge Bi-National Scholarship. The bursary will be presented this March at the 2012 Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards ceremony to a graduating student from Sault College that is continuing their education at Lake Superior State University. To apply, applicants needed to submit a resume demonstrating their leadership abilities, active volunteerism, and a contribution to student life. Furthermore, applicants were interviewed by a Selection Committee consisting of one person from Sault College as selected by the President, one person from Lake Superior State University as selected by their President, and a community representative as selected by the other two committee members that alternate between Canada and US.

The Bridge Bi-National Scholarship is eligible for 3:1 matching by the Ontario government's Ontario Trust for Student Support program, bringing the total principal for this award to \$100,000.

"Having such substantial scholarships and awards for our students allows us to support the success of more of our students," states Terry Ableson, Financial Aid Administrator. "This is a significant donation due to the participation of both post-secondary institutions. Thank you to Bridge Inc. for their continued support of Sault College students."

Sault College is very grateful to all our generous donors to the Scholarship, Bursary and Awards program. For information on how to donate, please contact Terry Ableson at 705.759.2554, ext. 2714. All students are reminded to check the financial aid website for up-to-date information about scholarship offerings, application dates and requirements.

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About Sault College Financial Aid

The Sault College Student Financial Assistance Office administers the Ontario Student Assistance Program, Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards, and the Tuition Fee Bursary Program. The Student Financial Assistance Office is also available to assist students who are experiencing difficulties in meeting their educational costs and offers a number of other financial aid services, 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 between Entrance Awards, In Course Awards, OSAP, Student Access Guarantee Bursaries, Student Financial Assistance Bursaries and Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards. The Sault College Financial Assistance Office offers over \$2 million in Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards.

About Sault College

Sault College transforms the lives of students through providing innovative education and training, and granting Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario. Maclean's magazine has ranked the College at the top of the province in graduate satisfaction, with 85% of graduates saying that they were highly satisfied with their education at the College. Educating over 4,500 students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$100 million. Over \$2 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards is distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest great lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario. Nearly 85% of graduates are employed within six months of graduation. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca to learn more.

In photo: (L-R) Peter Nixon, Dr. Ron Common, Donald Gerrie, Dr. Tod McLain and Gerry McGurie

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