

Sault College News Release

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TD Bank Group Gives Generous Donations at Annual Take 5 Event



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Excitement filled Essar Hall last night as TD Bank Group donated \$30,000 to support Sault College's *Inspiring Growth* Campaign.

The cheque was presented by Cambrian Mall Branch Manager Laura Newman, Station Tower Manager of Financial Services Shawn Bullock, and Station Tower Branch Manager, Susan Yurechuk to Jim Boniferro, Chair of the Inspiring

Growth Capital Campaign, and Dr. Ron Common, President, Sault College at the ever popular Take 5 Chamber of Commerce event hosted by Sault College and sponsored by TD.

Along with the substantial donation, each year the title sponsor has added an exciting element to the night by recognizing the top two students in the Culinary and Hospitality programs. TD Bank Group presented both Stacey Marshall, Culinary student and Tom Breen, Hospitality student with a \$500 cheque to recognize their outstanding achievements in the program.

“TD Bank Group is proud to have this opportunity to be part of the excitement at Sault College through our donation,” states Newman. “This donation reflects our commitment to giving back to the communities in which we live and work. TD recognizes the important contribution Sault College makes to our community today and for the future.”

Take 5 is a monthly networking event that is hosted and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for business members in the community. Sault College and TD Bank have been partnering for the event for the past fourteen years every January. A favourite among Chamber members, the event allows the College to showcase the talents and expertise of Hospitality and Culinary students.

“Sault College is an important part of our community, providing an opportunity to those who learn with us. We are grateful to TD for their ongoing support of our students and to our campus initiatives,” states Boniferro.

Under the direction of the College professors, students prepared and served delicious hot and cold appetizers, specialty drinks and desserts in the foyer of Essar Hall, the school’s impressive new academic building. As the first Take 5 event of the year, last night’s event draws record attendance annually.

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About the Inspiring Growth Capital Campaign

The Inspiring Growth Campaign marks the most significant fundraising initiative in the College’s 45 year history. The campaign centers around four cornerstones aimed at inspiring growth of students, programs, campus and community. Since opening its doors, Sault College has been an integral part of the community, contributing significantly to the educational, social and economic well-being of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma Region residents and businesses through the educating of its workforce. Sault College is committed to helping students excel in post-secondary education but also in transforming their lives with a progressive, innovative learning experience. Businesses and individuals are being asked to support this vision and consider a gift to the campaign.

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 to R) Laura Newman, Shawn Bullock, Susan Yurechuk, Jim Boniferro and Dr. Ron Common.

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