



Sault College News Release

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Community Generosity Ensures Student Success at Sault College

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON. March 17, 2010) The strength of one's financial aid program is critical to ensuring that all students continue to get access to training opportunities. In the Sault College financial aid department, awards are given to deserving students based on academic merit, personal attributes and unmet need. With a population of approximately 2400 full-time students, just over \$2 million is distributed annually.

The 37th annual Sault College Scholarship, Bursaries and Awards (SBA) event will be held on Tuesday March 23rd, and will honour 250 top students in their programs. The annual event, at the Great Northern Resort and Conference Centre, brings donors and students face-to-face in a celebration of thanks to the donors for their ongoing support. More than 100 donors are expected to attend.

"This evening is all about celebrating the success of very special Sault College student achievers," says Terry Ableson, Financial Aid Administrator and Chair of the SBA program. "Our SBA night is truly the highlight of the academic year. We continue to be inspired every year by the tremendous gesture that members of our community make to provide funds for a young person to attend post secondary school."

Each year the generosity flourishes as the College receives new donations. This year several new awards will benefit Sault College students. These include the Greg "Powder" King

Memorial Award, The Catholic Principals Council of Ontario Award, and the many new awards generated with proceeds of the 2009 Savour the Night Fundraiser.

“We are all proud of our Scholarship, Bursary and Award winners and extend our sincere appreciation to the many individuals, organizations, and businesses whose support allows the College to honour our students,” says Dr. Common, Sault College President.

This year, Shelly Nelson Bond is the top award winner who will receive the Governor General’s Academic Medal Award. This award goes to the student graduating the year before from a three year program with the highest academic standings.

Sault College is proud of the accomplishments of its award recipients and congratulate them all in striving for academic excellence while being dedicated to achieving their personal best.

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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 90% of Sault College students are employed within six months of graduation and student satisfaction is among the highest in the province. 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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