



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Six Northern Colleges Sign Agreement to Work in Collaboration**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON January 25, 2013) Sault College has signed a Memorandum of Understanding creating a partnership with all the northern Ontario colleges including Canadore College, Confederation College, Cambrian College, Collège Boréal and Northern College. The agreement reinforces a collaborative approach for student access to programming and services.

The agreement enhances the scope of learning opportunities and supports to residents and communities of northern Ontario. It is student-focused in terms of sharing best practices for program delivery that meet the needs of diverse learners and places a strong emphasis on academic and student support including mental health.

The colleges will work together to create recruitment strategies to attract learners in identified skilled shortages in northern Ontario. This will ensure that a support system is in place to provide northern Ontario employers with a skilled and competitive workforce.

“Sault College, in partnership with other Northern Ontario Colleges, has established an ongoing working relationship to explore potential opportunities and partnerships to address unique labour market and educational needs that support all students and staff attending the respective institution,” notes Dr. Ron Common, President, Sault College, of the partnership.

“Northern Ontario Colleges share similar socio-geo-economic characteristics and the memorandum will contribute to the development of the North while realizing the objectives of a new vision for post-secondary education.”

The six northern colleges are committed to developing collaborative opportunities and will share information such as best practices in teaching and learning, organizational sustainability and community engagement. It also provides an opportunity to share curriculum, courses and programming tools.

Developing collaborative agreements between postsecondary institutions is consistent with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities requirement that education be delivered with an approach designed to increase productivity.

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### **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. Sault College has ranked 82.8% in Student Satisfaction, the highest score for a Northern College and second highest score overall in the province. Educating over 4,500 students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$150 million. Over \$2 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards are 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. Visit our website at [www.saultcollege.ca](http://www.saultcollege.ca) to learn more.

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