



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Sault Scores Top Marks in Annual Key Performance Indicators**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON April 19, 2013) We've done it again! Sault College is singing its praises over the newest Key Performance Indicators (KPI) survey results released this week. For the second consecutive year, Sault College ranks above 22 other colleges with 83.8 percent of its students identifying satisfaction with their education.

"We are extremely proud of our outstanding results," states President Ron Common. "We are thrilled to be recognized by our students for the quality we strive to deliver."

Sault College is ranked #1 for the overall quality of learning students receive in their program. A mark of 82.2 percent sets the College comfortably ahead of all others. As well, Sault College ranks #1 in English-speaking colleges relating to the overall knowledge and skills their program will provide in their future careers.

"We owe our outstanding student satisfaction scores to our extraordinary faculty and staff who go above and beyond to put our students first," states Leo Tiberi, Vice President, Academic.

"We are thrilled with our results as students continue to rank our programs as #1 in the province. We will continue to provide an exceptional life experience. At the centre of the goals of our College lies our commitment to the learning and development of our students. These results show we are doing really well," states the VPA. "We want our students to feel they are receiving the education they want and more. We provide relevant programs that fill distinct

niches and encourage innovation. We respond to the changing economy and encourage partnering with community organizations. We are #1 for a reason.”

“We have a strong hold on our high rankings in the province and continue to see better and better results each year,” beams Jill Pateman, Manager, Academic Quality Assurance at Sault College. “We’ve come a long way and our students are commending us for the quality of the programs we deliver.”

The survey also asks students how satisfied they are with the overall quality of facilities and resources. This is where the most significant improvement was seen over past scores and the College received its highest ranking ever. The addition of Essar Hall and the renovations that continue to take place to enhance the student experience are attributed to this increase. The various improvements were made possible through partnerships with provincial and federal levels of government, local business partners, the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the students of Sault College.

“This score has climbed by more than 10 percent in three years from an above average ranking to a top ranking in the province,” states Sault College president, Ron Common. “It was expected that the new infrastructure would serve to improve the appeal of Sault College, and it has done so. We are extremely proud of this ranking and thank our students for recognizing these efforts. The new student health and wellness centre that will soon open will further add to the appeal of our campus.”

Since 1998, colleges have been mandated by the Ontario government to collect and report performance data in five areas – graduate satisfaction, student satisfaction, employer satisfaction, employment rate, and graduation rate. The KPIs allow colleges to gauge their success and determine ways to improve. Gathered by an independent research company, the KPI results show that Ontario’s colleges achieve consistently high results when measured by

students, graduates and employers. The complete list of KPI results are available online at [www.collegesontario.org](http://www.collegesontario.org).

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### **About Sault College**

The vision of Sault College is to provide a transformative life experience through empowering those who study with us to think and learn in progressive, innovative ways, including those we have not yet imagined. Sault College grants 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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