



Sault College News Release

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Aviation Day at Sault College

*Sault College opens its aviation hangar to the community
to showcase flagship program*



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Considered one of the best flight schools in Canada, Sault College's Aviation Technology - Flight program will be hosting an Aviation Day on Friday November 1st at 1:00pm at the new Sault College Hangar.

Guests are invited for this one-time opportunity to tour the College's flagship program facilities at the new Aviation hangar located next to the Sault Ste. Marie Airport. The College will also be showcasing its fleet of aircrafts including ten Zlin and two Piper Seminole aircrafts with advanced radio navigation systems and real time aircraft tracking systems.

In addition to the community open house at the hangar, beginning at 10:00am, college community members are encouraged to participate in a state-of-the-art flight simulation at Sault College, which provides a realistic experience that closely replicates flying in one of the College's planes.

“Sault College provides a high quality Aviation training experience – one that we are pleased to showcase,” notes Colin Kirkwood, Dean of Business, Environment and Technology at the College. “The purpose of Aviation Day at Sault College is to showcase our facility and equipment. Our equipment is second to none, and is kept safe and serviceable by a dedicated team of highly-qualified Aircraft Maintenance Engineers.”

The College’s impressive aviation hangar and maintenance/repair facility and learning spaces are a key element to ensure the Aviation program maintains its competitive position in the post-secondary market. The state-of-the-art facilities are used for storing and maintaining aircrafts as well as for providing ground school instruction to post-secondary students enrolled in the aviation program.

Sault College’s Aviation program is recognized for excellence around the globe and is the College’s most popular and oversubscribed program. In 2011, the College celebrated the 35th anniversary of the first graduating class of the Aviation Technology - Flight program. The College also welcomed back one of its graduates, Kevin Parker, Assistant Chief Designer and Chief Pilot of the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, along with retired professors for a guest presentation to students. Recently, the College announced a partnership with a leading Canadian corporate jet charter provider and regional airline, Air Georgian, through its Mentor Program beginning in May 2013. The mentorship program selects high-achieving college and university graduates from recognized aviation programs to continue the learning experience while on the job.

Graduates of the College’s Aviation program are currently employed in careers as flight instructors, charter pilots, corporate pilots and flying for major airlines around the globe. Sault College Alumnus, Captain Brent Handy, Royal Canadian Air Force and Lead Soloist of the #9 Jet on the Snowbirds demonstration team, will be recognized at the Premier’s Awards in Toronto next month.

Aviation Day is a free event open to the community with parking located at the Sault College hangar.

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About Sault College Aircraft

Sault College's single engine trainer is the Zlin 242L, manufactured by Moravan in the Czech Republic. It is fully aerobatic (although aerobatics are not taught at Sault College), and yet stable enough for a new student to handle. It has a 200 hp Lycoming engine with a constant speed propeller, a control stick instead of a control wheel, and the avionics includes a Primary Flight Display (PFD) and an IFR certified WAAS enabled GPS with a colour moving map display. The multi-engine trainer is the Piper Seminole. The Seminole has been the mainstay of multi-training for decades.

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 83.8% in Student Satisfaction, the highest score for a Northern College and second highest score overall in the province. Educating over 3,900 students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$158 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 to learn more.

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