



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Sault College Global Citizenship Classes Help Worthy Causes**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON – November 4, 2013) Sault College's Global Citizenship classes will be undertaking a large number of student-run projects this semester to raise awareness and support for over a hundred non-profit organizations that help make society a better place for everyone.

After a successful pilot of 150 students in the first group to take the General Education course in 2011, the course became compulsory in fall 2012 for all two and three-year diploma program students at the College.

In alignment with the College's five-year strategic plan for incorporating community-focused projects into its curriculum, one of the major requirements of the Global Citizenship course is to demonstrate how individuals can make a difference when they become active and engaged global citizens. Working individually and in groups, students chose various projects with which to get involved in, and then went about finding various ways to address them.

"The number of projects has grown from 40 in the first year to over a hundred in total this year that involve fundraising, increasing awareness, and actively participating in a cause, organization, or agency at a local and international level," states Marcia Jones, Professor and Social Sciences Department Co-ordinator, of the class. "We're very proud of the dedication and commitment of our students who serve as ambassadors in our community. This is a

demonstration of their good works and the College's commitment to fostering positive change on a local, national, and global scale."

The College recently received the Chamber's Diversity Award that recognized them as a business or organization that embraces, celebrates and applies holistic inclusion and participation of a diverse people making the workplace a better environment in which to work, and the community a better place in which to live, work and raise a family. The Global Citizenship course does this by creating a space where thought-provoking topics ranging from social justice and equity to themes of diversity and interdependence can be discussed. With a look at sustainable development, there is a concern for the environment and a belief that people can make a difference.

The projects will be underway in Essar Hall all this week beginning today on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in the E-wing link. All are welcome to attend and learn more about your role in the global community.

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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 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](http://www.saultcollege.ca) to learn more.

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