



Sault College News Release

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“Common Link” Complete

Plaque commending contributions of College President unveiled at event



(Sault Ste. Marie, ON April 4, 2014) The hub connecting two new buildings on campus is complete after the latest phase of impressive infrastructure enhancement to the Sault College campus. Staff, students, alumni, community members and College stakeholders gathered today to celebrate the grand opening of the “Common Link,” named by the students after Sault College President Dr. Ron Common in

recognition of his tireless transformation of an aging campus to an inspiring place of learning with various state-of-the-art centres of excellence.

“Dr. Common’s student-centred approach has been welcomed by all those guided by his leadership over the past several years,” notes Jordan Borneman, Sault College Students’ Union President while presenting Dr. Common with a commemorative plaque to honour his contributions. “Thank you, as well, to all of the donors who have supported Sault College and to my fellow students for giving as you have. Your contributions are making a difference in our lives – both now and into the future.”

The Government of Ontario and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund – Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, provided generous funding for the \$2.5 million link project. As well, Tenaris contributed to the project through their donation of the tubes for the new space. The new link connects the new Student Health and Wellness Centre to the College’s current link, creating one seamlessly integrated flow throughout the entire campus. The architecture follows closely with the look and feel established with the other impressive new buildings on campus.

“Today marks the substantial completion of an unprecedented four-year campus rebuild and transformation and I would like to thank the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund - Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities for their support,” says Dr. Ron Common, President of Sault College. “I’m so honoured to have been involved in the efforts to provide new facilities for our students and our community to enjoy.”

Dr. Common has had a lasting impact on the College over the past seven years, as he has transformed the campus into a sought-after place of post-secondary learning with impressive enrolment growth. He has also helped it become more invitational to all learners, concentrating on access and a student-centred approach for higher learning and career success.

The Link will also be open to over five hundred visitors to campus on Saturday, April 5th during Sault College’s Discover Sault Open House event, the largest student recruitment event of the year. Two hundred applicants and their families will travel to Sault Ste. Marie as they consider their choice of College for post-secondary study.

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In Photo: (left to right) Jordan Borneman, Sault College Students’ Union unveils “The Common Link” plaque to Dr. Ron Common

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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