



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Sault College Nursing Project Wins Prestigious Award**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON October 10, 2014) Sault College is very pleased to announce its Nursing program has been awarded the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) Panorama Award in recognition of Outstanding International Education.

In the Academic Category, Sault College's Nursing Students in Nicaragua project was highlighted. 2014 was the inaugural year for the international placement project which involved 16 Bachelor of Science in Nursing students earning an elective credit in Nicaragua. The experience gave students the opportunity to think about the world around them and their profession beyond Canadian borders. The program has been so successful that another cohort participating in the international experience is expected to grow substantially in 2015.

"This was a rewarding experience for Nursing education at Sault College and we are proud to be recognized with this honour," notes Barb Engel, Sault College Nursing professor and lead on the international learning experience. "We pride ourselves in delivering a uniquely innovative student experience which sets us apart as we strive to enhance nursing education in Northern Ontario, and it is evident that this program has achieved that goal."

Nursing students worked in a community located in the centre of the nation's capital, Managua during the exchange. Barrio Grenada and the Anexo Dios Proveera are communities with residents currently experiencing extreme poverty. Sault College Nursing students who participated in the exchange program received three credits toward their undergraduate

degree upon successful completion of the placement. In addition, the Nursing students played an integral role in advancing wellness through a variety of initiatives before the excursion including a partnership with the local Zonta club through the Days for Girls Campaign that provides women of developing countries with essential hygiene kits.

Ten awards will be presented to CBIE members and colleagues who, through their careers, projects, mentorship and leadership skills, have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the ideals of our profession. They will be recognized at CBIE's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, taking place November 19-22 at the Westin in Ottawa, Ontario.

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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. Ranked #1 in the province with a score of 85% in overall student satisfaction by students themselves, 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. 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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