



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Honours Graduates at its Annual Fall Convocation

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON October 15, 2014) Friends and family of Sault College graduates will soon witness the joyful occasion of a Fall convocation. The Sault College community will come together to celebrate and recognize its newest graduates crossing the stage in the Student Health and Wellness Centre this Friday, October 17th at 2:00 p.m. Over 120 students are eligible to graduate from Sault College during this ceremony.

Rated number one in Student Satisfaction, Sault College is a student-first, regionally-focused leader in the field of post-secondary education and is uniquely poised to serve students and encourage them to reach their career goals.

“Fall convocation allows students to graduate soon after successful completion of their program without having to wait for the spring event,” notes Dr. Ron Common, President of Sault College. “For graduating students, it is a time to celebrate their accomplishments in front of family and friends. And for members of Sault College, it is a time to celebrate the efforts of the students we have supported during their studies.”

Qualifying programs eligible for convocation include: Office Administration - Executive, Esthetician, Hairstyling, Personal Support Worker, Pre-Health Sciences, Practical Nursing, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Adventure Recreation and Parks Technician, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Technician, Welding Techniques and various Continuing Education programs.

As per Sault College tradition, platform part guests, faculty and students will be piped in by a member of the 49th Field Artillery Pipe Band, followed by a welcome from President Dr. Ron Common and Sault College Board of Governors Chair, Peter Berlingieri. Following the presentation of liripipes and diplomas, the White Thunder Women from the local Ojibwe community will perform an honour drum song. Smudging will be available before the events in the Native Centre at Sault College. A reception with light food and refreshments will also take place after the event with Sault College's Culinary and Hospitality students in the Common link where faculty and staff can celebrate the special occasion with students, their families and friends.

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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 to learn more.

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