



**Sault College Media Release
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Sault College Celebrates Colleges Week in Ontario

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON April 3, 2017) – Queen’s Park has officially proclaimed the week of April 3 as Colleges Week in Ontario! Colleges Week provides a unique opportunity to highlight the Ontario College system and the positive impact it has had on many through advanced education, skills training and personal and professional development.

Colleges Week activities have been planned across the province as part of a national celebration of both Canada’s 150th anniversary and in recognition of 50 years of the Ontario College system.

To commemorate these milestones, Sault College will be hosting an open Community Cleanup event on Friday, April 7 to complement activities across the province. The event will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. at Essar Hall on Northern Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie. Refreshments, trash bags and gloves will be available onsite. All Sault College students, staff, neighbours and community members are cordially invited to participate.

“Sault College is proud to celebrate this important milestone in the history of the Ontario College system,” says Dr. Ron Common, Sault College President. “Throughout the years, Sault College has offered a unique and all-encompassing student experience, which has helped so many find what they love. We continue to evolve to meet the needs of our learners and are excited to continue to accompany them on their paths to success.”

Colleges across the province will also celebrate Colleges Week by hosting events such as: tree plantings, meal preparations for people in need, and other student volunteer events to support local communities.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend!

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. Educating over 2,300 full-time and 4,000 part-time students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$158 million. Over \$1.8 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.