



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Sault College welcomes the city's first class of film students** *Partners with Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre*

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON September 27, 2013) On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sault College proudly welcomed thirty future filmmakers from across Ontario into the new, two-year Digital Film Production Program. There was an overwhelming response to the new program offering as it is the first of its kind in the region.

Where possible, this new full-time offering will take advantage of the unique opportunities that the Sault, Algoma region and College provide. Support from local industry for this new program has been outstanding with numerous opportunities for students to connect with the community. The first of these partnerships include the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre (CBHC) where students will gain a hands-on, work placement opportunity to produce a series of videos for the Museum and their website.

“We are excited to be working with the CBHC on this initiative. The Digital Film Production program is structured around real world, experiential learning as well as incubating future businesses for the graduates,” states Candice Day, Instructor in the Digital Film Production program. “Aside from community outreach, students will be learning skills in Screenwriting, Producing, Directing, Cinematography, Editing and Sound. The focus of the program is Film and Television Production with an emphasis on the Storytelling aspect of filmmaking.”

In addition to the College's new Health and Wellness Facility, the students will be enjoying a new Production Lab and Post Production Suites. For more information on this program, please contact Candice Day at 705-2554 ext. 2315.

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**About the Sault College Digital Film Production Program**

This program will cover the entire filmmaking process from idea development and scripting, through production into post-production and distribution. Students will focus on Producing, Directing, Screenwriting, Cinematography, Editing and Sound work. They will graduate with a portfolio of high quality, story-driven projects including short films, PSAs/commercials and a factual television pilot. Classes will cover both Feature/Short Film Production and Television Series Production. In addition to traditional, narrative filmmaking, a core focus of the program will be the growing industry need for factual and reality content for television and web. The program will also address the complex, business side of the industry including networking, financing, job hunting and film festivals. Students will learn through access to advanced technology and software and a combination of hands-on classes, personal projects, lectures, guest speakers, screenings, work placement and community/client opportunities. 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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