



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Celebrates 41st Anniversary of the Scholarship, Bursaries and Awards Night

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON March 17, 2014) Sault College's Student Financial Assistance office provides students with options to help fund their educational costs. One example of this is through the annual Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards (SBA) night which will be held at the Comfort Suites this Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. Student award recipients will sit with their respective donors at the ceremony in celebration of academic achievement. During the 2013/2014 academic year, \$2.2 million has been distributed to approximately 1,900 students. Throughout the SBA evening alone, close to half a million dollars will be distributed to over 290 students.

"This night is all about celebrating the outstanding achievements of deserving students based on academic merit, personal attributes and unmet need," states Terry Ableson, Financial Aid Administrator and Chair of the SBA program. "We continue to be inspired every year by the tremendous gesture that members of our community make to provide funds for students to receive a post-secondary education."

As part of the night's ceremony, Marc Richichi, a student in the Electrical Engineering Technology – Process Automation program will be the top award winner of the evening who will be presented with the Governor General's Academic Medal Award. Since 1873, Governor Generals of Canada have sponsored a medal to encourage and recognize excellent academics at various levels of the educational system. It is awarded to the student graduating from the previous

year's three-year program who has achieved the highest academic standing in the College in the final year of his/her program. Earlier this year, many first-year students were recognized at the President's Academic Excellence Scholarship evening for their high academic achievements.

Each year, the generosity of donors that support Sault College students continues to grow. This year, several new awards will further benefit students including the Canadian Tire Automotive Award of Merit, Canadian Union of Skilled Workers Scholarship, Child Care Algoma Exceptional Student Award, G. Verdi/Princess Marie José Lodges – Order Sons of Italy of Canada Scholarship, Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Award, Plummer Memorial Public Hospital School of Nursing Care and Compassion Award and the Zonta Club of Sault Ste. Marie – Peace and Conflict Studies Scholarship.

Scholarships, bursaries and awards comprise three valuable resources available to students studying at Sault College. Sault College would like to thank its donors for believing in the importance of a Sault College education. This support and recognition is encouragement for students to succeed in meeting their career goals, striving for academic excellence and being dedicated to achieving their personal best.

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About Sault College Financial Assistance

More than 1,900 Sault College students receive financial support through scholarships, bursaries and awards during the academic year and just over \$2.2 million in scholarships, bursaries and awards will be distributed this year. The Sault College Student Financial Assistance Office administers the Ontario Student Assistance Program, Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards, and the Tuition Fee Bursary Program. Assistance is also offered to help those students who are experiencing difficulties in meeting their educational costs by offering a number of other financial assistance services including budget counselling for groups or individuals, high school OSAP workshops, classroom presentations, and seminars on debt repayment. Over 85% of Sault College students receive financial assistance including Entrance Awards, In Course Awards, OSAP, Student Access Guarantee Bursaries, Student Financial Assistance Bursaries and Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca to learn more.

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