



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Training Begins in Barbados

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON November 3, 2014) Sault College recognizes that its partners are intrinsic to its success. In recent years, a number of unique partnerships have enhanced the learning environment of the College and one of those key partnerships is with Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic in Bridgetown, Barbados (SJPP).

The two educational institutions have been planning and implementing a number of key activities over the past year which include a labour market analysis, curriculum development, facilities and equipment enhancements, and most recently, teacher training. Beginning November 3rd, Sault College will commence its next phase, preparing instructors at the Polytechnic for courses planned for January. Specifically, the College will offer its expertise in the training of Solar Photovoltaic Installers.

“The demand for training in this area is expected to be high due to a number of solar projects that have recently been approved in Barbados,” notes Colin Kirkwood, Dean, Environment, Technology and Skilled Trades. “We are very pleased to provide this unique training to our partners. Sault College has an entire school dedicated to green collar jobs and renewable energy, and we are happy to help provide instructors with the skills they need to be successful in the new green economy.”

As part of a large Canadian Government commitment to the Caribbean region, the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) provided funding to the Sault

College SJPP partnership to work collaboratively to develop training to support the growing Renewable Energy Industry in Barbados and throughout the Caribbean. The project is supported by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

“SJPP’s goal is to become a leader in the Caribbean Region for Renewable Energy Training,” states Kirkwood about Sault’s partner organization. “The experience and expertise that Sault College has in this area will greatly assist the Polytechnic in meeting this goal,” he adds.

Training will begin on Monday, November 3 and will wrap up on Friday, November 7 in the Caribbean.

This week also marks the start of the Energy Opportunities Conference, held by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

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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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