



**Sault College Media Release
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**Sault College Receives Generous Donation for Waterfront and Tennis Centre Revitalization
*Building to be named The Franklin Prouse Centre***

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON May 2, 2017) – The generous support from local community members Franklin and Nora Prouse has brought Sault College one step closer to reaching its goal of revitalizing the Waterfront and Tennis Centre.

Sault College proudly accepted a generous donation from the Prouse family in support of this exciting project that will not only benefit our College, its programs and students, but also the community as a whole. In recognition of their generosity, the Waterfront and Tennis Centre will be named ***The Franklin Prouse Centre***.

“We are tremendously grateful for the support received from Franklin and Nora Prouse,” says Dr. Ron Common, President Sault College. “Their commitment to our College and community is at the foundation of their generosity. Through this partnership, Sault College will be able to enhance the overall student experience, offer unique opportunities to both our students and community, and create a lasting legacy within our city. In recognition of this donation, we are more than proud to have this building showcase the name of Mr. Franklin Prouse.”

“Donating to the Waterfront and Tennis Centre is one way that we can support this amazing community that we call home,” says Franklin Prouse. “This centre will not only create life-long learning for students, but will also be enjoyed by community members for years to come. I am so proud to support this initiative and to help to further develop our city and foster new experiences for both students and Sault Ste. Marie families,” he adds.

Formerly known as RYTAC, the revitalized property – located on St. Mary’s river in the heart of Sault Ste. Marie – will support programming at our College, specifically the Natural Environment and Outdoor Studies programs, allowing for unique teaching and learning

opportunities for our students. It will also provide seasonal access to waterfront and tennis activities for community youth and their families.

This revitalization will also include the construction of a new waterfront building and the renewal of eight tennis courts, which will be enjoyed by students and community members alike. The benefits of this project are all encompassing and will help Sault College attract and retain students as well as create employment opportunities within our community.

We're just 15 percent shy of our fundraising goal, and are well on our way to offering our students and community an exciting new facility to learn and play! To learn more about this project or to donate, please contact Alisha Boldirev, Fundraising Campaign Coordinator, 705.759.2554 ext. 2665 or alisha.boldirev@saultcollege.ca.

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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. 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.