



**Sault College Media Release
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**Aviation Student Awarded National Bursary from
Model Aeronautics Association of Canada**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON July 14, 2017) – Today, Sault College Aviation student Ryan Petrie was presented the Jack McGillivray Memorial MAAC Bursary from Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC).

Kevin McGrath, Past Vice President, Executive Committee Member and Zone Director Northern Ontario MAAC and Peter Smith, Vice President Soo Modellers awarded the \$5,000 cheque to Ryan alongside Dr. Ron Common, President Sault College.

“I am extremely proud to be a part of today’s event and to have the opportunity to celebrate and share in the accomplishment of one of our students. I thank MAAC for supporting our students and for helping to further emphasize the importance of education and learning,” said Dr. Ron Common, President Sault College.

“The Jack McGillivray Memorial MAAC Bursary is one way that our organization can support MAAC members, who are pursuing their passions and studies,” said Kevin McGrath. “I am very excited to present this bursary to Ryan Petrie and we wish him all the best as he moves through his educational journey.”

Ryan, who is going into his second year, is the sole recipient of this national bursary for 2017 and is the second student from Sault College to receive this bursary in the past four years! Sault College student Graeme Ellis was the national recipient in 2013.

“Since I was six years old it has been my dream to fly. As I grew older and began my flight training my dream became my passion. I would like to thank the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada for their generous support and for allowing me to continue studying at Sault College

to pursue my dream of a career in aviation,” explained Sault College student and bursary recipient, Ryan Petrie.

“On behalf of Sault College, I congratulate Ryan on this achievement. We are thrilled that one of our Aviation students was recognized through this national bursary and we are honoured to present this cheque to him alongside MAAC,” said David Oraziotti, Dean of Aviation, Trades and Technology, Natural Environment and Business, Sault College.

The Jack McGillivray Memorial MAAC Bursary is given out annually to a student enrolled in a Canadian educational institution, who is eligible for student loans and is or will be registered in an aviation or aerospace education. Applicants must be a current MAAC member and have at least two consecutive years membership. Eligible students can apply for this bursary by submitting a cover letter, resume, and reference letters. The application should include detailed information on the applicant’s activities in the modeling community and/or club, successes in studies, involvement in local community groups/activities, other hobbies, continued interest in pursuing activity in MAAC, and continued interest in pursuing plans or hopes in the aviation industry.

MAAC is dedicated to serving all aspects of modelling through national leadership by encouraging individuals, family and community participation, and promoting high standards of safety and personal fulfillment.

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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.