



Sault College News Release

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Jazz and Sault College Pathway Agreement

Sault College is pleased to announce yet another commitment to Canada's future professional pilots with an agreement between the College and Jazz Aviation LP. The airline's Jazz Aviation Pathway Program ("Jazz APP") and Sault College's School of Aviation (Sault College) have collaborated and signed an agreement that benefits students. The agreement includes a pathway for students to gain a direct entry into positions at Jazz Airlines. Jazz and Sault College have evolved the career pathway to make the Jazz Aviation Pathway Program available to top students to have an opportunity for employment as a professional pilot with Jazz.

The industry-leading Jazz APP program and Sault College agreement includes collaboration on training and curriculum to promote safety and professionalism, while providing relevant information on industry best practices. The Jazz APP is aimed at establishing a direct career path for qualifying graduates including flight simulator evaluations, student scholarships, and the opportunity for Sault College's top-performing Aviation Technology – Flight graduates to transition to first officer positions at Jazz.

"We're very proud to acknowledge Sault College's participation in the Jazz APP since its inception in 2007," said Steve Linthwaite, Vice President, Flight Operations, Jazz. "Their

longstanding commitment to our organization, and the quality of their aviation program, allows us both to work toward improving the professional pilot career pathway.”

“We are committed to cultivating strong, qualified pilots for Jazz and its affiliates. This agreement is excellent for students,” says Matt Neumann, Operations Manager and A/CFI of Aviation, Sault College.

New Scholarships Announced:

Jazz also announced the establishment of two new scholarships for Sault College students. Full details of all scholarships can be found on the Sault College webpage.

The Jazz Aviation Pathway Award for Professionalism. This award is given to a full-time student in his or her final year of Aviation Technology diploma program, for outstanding contributions to safety, leadership and professionalism. The Award consists of a \$3000 scholarship and an opportunity to participate in the Jazz Aviation Pathway Program selection process. The award recipient will be selected by the College in consultation with Jazz to ensure the criteria as outlined are respected.

The Jazz Aviation Pathway Award for Professionalism and Diversity. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student in his or her final year of Aviation Technology diploma in Flight Operations who has self-identified as an Aboriginal, a person with a disability, a visible minority, or female, for outstanding contributions to safety, leadership and professionalism. The Award consists of a \$3000 scholarship and an opportunity to participate in the Jazz Aviation Pathway Program selection process. The award recipient will be selected by the College in consultation with Jazz to ensure the criteria as outlined are respected.

"This partnership is a great opportunity for our students and staff. It will further build and strengthen our relationship with Jazz through the addition of a strong pathway for our students. Our program has a strong reputation in industry and Jazz recognizes our staff's commitment to being a leader in the field. I am also very happy that Jazz has added new scholarship opportunities for our students as well," says Greg Mapp, Director of Aviation & Chief Flight Instructor, Sault College School of Aviation.

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About Jazz Aviation LP

Jazz Aviation LP has a strong history in Canadian aviation with its roots going back to the 1930s. Jazz is owned by Chorus Aviation Inc. As the largest regional carrier in Canada, Jazz has a proven track record of industry leadership and exceptional customer service, and has leveraged that strength to deliver value to all its stakeholders. Jazz operates more flights and flies to more Canadian destinations than any other airline, and has a workforce of approximately 4200 professionals, highly experienced in the challenging and complex nature of regional operations.

There are two airline divisions operated by Jazz Aviation LP: Air Canada Express and Jazz.

Air Canada Express: Under a capacity purchase agreement with Air Canada, Jazz provides service to and from lower-density markets as well as higher-density markets at off-peak times throughout North America with a fleet of 111 Canadian-made Bombardier aircraft.

Jazz: Under the Jazz brand, the airline offers charters throughout North America with a dedicated fleet of Bombardier aircraft for corporate clients, governments, special interest groups and individuals seeking more convenience. Jazz also has the ability to offer airline operators services such as ground handling, dispatching, flight load planning, training and consulting.

For more information, visit www.flyjazz.ca.

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 for two years in a row with a score of 88.6% 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 one of 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 \$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. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca to learn more.

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