



## **Sault College News Release**

For immediate release

### **Sault College Announces Three New Academic Deans**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON, January 9, 2017) – Sault College is strengthening its commitment to its students and academic programming with the announcement of three new Academic Deans. Each of the new Dean positions came after a thorough organizational review of the Academic Division, which led to the creation of three new schools: School of Health and Community Services, School of Aviation, Trades and Technology, Natural Environment and Business and School of Indigenous Studies and Academic Upgrading.

After a thorough recruitment process, Sault College is pleased to announce the promotion of two internal candidates and the appointment of one external candidate to lead these new Schools.

Marilyn King assumes the role of Dean, Health and Community Services. Marilyn is a 16 year Sault College employee and Registered Nurse, who holds a Masters of Science Degree from Northern Michigan University. Marilyn has been involved in nursing education since 1997 at a variety of post-secondary institutions and for the last 10 years has served as Chair of the College's Health programs. Marilyn is actively involved in scholarship through research and continues to lead various presentations at local, provincial and international health conferences. Locally, Marilyn is involved in various nursing and health related committees and also served as the President of the Sault Chapter, Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Carolyn Hepburn, a 13 year staff member of the College, has been promoted to Dean, Indigenous Studies and Academic Upgrading from her Directorship of the same portfolio. Carolyn has played an integral role in advancing our native studies programs and elevated our stature as one of the pre-eminent indigenous institutions in the province. She has been a leading voice in assisting the College in implementing recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and in the signing of the National Indigenous Education protocol. Carolyn's work has been exemplary in helping the College pursue a renewed relationship with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples in moving forward in a spirit of trust and collaboration. Carolyn has also helped significantly grow the number of indigenous students who are participating in post-secondary education at Sault College.

David Oraziotti will join the College as the Dean of Aviation, Trades and Technology, Natural Environment and Business. David is well-known in our community as our Member of Provincial Parliament and Cabinet Minister, holding both the Natural Resources and Government and Consumer Services portfolios, and most recently, as the Minister responsible for Community Safety and Correctional Services. Prior to his 13 successful years in provincial politics, David was a well-respected City Councillor, a teacher, Department Head, and OSSTF Local Union President at the Algoma District School Board. David has Ontario Teaching Qualifications and holds a Masters of Education, Administration and Curriculum from Nipissing University.

“The College is extremely excited and proud to have assembled a diverse and dynamic Academic leadership team, who will help implement our Strategic Plan: Leading the Way 2016-2020. This four-year plan builds on six strategic priorities and has been designed to ensure Sault College continues to be the premier student-centered post-secondary institution in the Province. Our mission to provide our students with a premier learning experience will be further realized with these selections,” says Dr. Ron Common, Sault College President.

“Sault College congratulates and welcomes its three new Deans. We are confident this new leadership team will help to advance our College and will serve our community well,” says Colin Kirkwood, Vice-President, Academics and Research.

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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.

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