



**Sault College Media Release
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**Sault College Receives Support from the Ted Nolan Foundation
*Health and Wellness Board Room Dedicated to Ted Nolan's Mother Rose Nolan***

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON March 20, 2017) – Sault College is honoured to announce that the Ted Nolan Foundation has partnered with the College to continue granting scholarships to deserving First Nations women through The Rose Nolan Scholarship. This support will help many First Nations women accomplish their goal of pursuing a post-secondary education, and is a direct reflection of Ted Nolan's belief that the real strength of a family lies within a woman.

On behalf of Sault College, Dr. Ron Common proudly accepted an initial \$100,000 donation from the Ted Nolan Foundation, which will provide two scholarships annually valued at \$2,500 each. Building on the Ted Nolan Foundation's commitment to encouraging Aboriginal youth to pursue academic growth for a better future, these scholarships will be awarded each year to First Nations Women enrolled at Sault College. To commemorate this donation and the continuous support of the Foundation, the Health and Wellness Board Room at Sault College was dedicated in her honour, and renamed The Rose Nolan Room.

"It is with great pride and excitement that we accept this outstanding donation," says Dr. Ron Common, President Sault College. "This donation will further complement Sault College's commitment to Indigenous Studies and our Indigenous students. We are truly grateful that Sault College has the unwavering support of the Ted Nolan Foundation to administer this scholarship on behalf of them, and that this donation will help many First Nations women pursue post-secondary education at our school."

The Rose Nolan Scholarship, named after Ted Nolan's mother, was established to help First Nations women achieve their educational and training goals, while maintaining strong community involvement. To date, the Foundation has awarded over 121 scholarships totalling more than \$300,000 to First Nations women attending post-secondary institutions across the country.

Eligible applicants will provide a one page essay describing their educational achievements, career plans and community involvement along with both an academic and community reference.

Since 2002, the Ted Nolan Foundation's goal has been to encourage Aboriginal youth to pursue academic growth for a better future. Ted believes that Today's Youth will be Tomorrow's Leaders.

"Inspiration is the seed that blooms into a Rose" – Ted Nolan, President, Ted Nolan Foundation.

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About Sault College Financial Assistance

The Sault College Financial Assistance Office offers over \$1.8 million in Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards each year. This office administers the Ontario Student Assistance Program, Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards, and the Tuition Fee Bursary Program. Assistance is also offered to help those students who are experiencing difficulties in meeting their educational costs by offering a number of other financial assistance services including budget counselling for groups or individuals, high school OSAP workshops, classroom presentations, and seminars on debt repayment. Over 85% of Sault College students receive financial assistance including Entrance Awards, OSAP, Student Access Guarantee Bursaries, Student Financial Assistance Bursaries and Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards.

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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