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Ontario colleges' 50th Anniversary Mobile Tour Celebrates the Evolution of College Education Fully decked 42-foot trailer to visit Sault College at its 2017 Alumni Reunion

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON September 7, 2017) – A fully decked 42-foot trailer that commemorates the 50th anniversary of Ontario's college system in 2017 and the colleges' phenomenal evolution and success arrives at Sault College on Friday, September 15 as we welcome alumni back to campus for our 2017 alumni reunion and open house.

“College education is pivotal to Ontario's prosperity and to ensuring more people succeed in rewarding careers,” said Dr. Ron Common, Sault College President. “Our 50th anniversary is a tremendous opportunity to honour our students' and graduates' achievements and to highlight our exciting plans for the years ahead. To commemorate the 50th anniversary, Sault College is hosting a reunion and open house and we cannot wait to welcome alumni and friends back to campus while highlighting 50 years of the Ontario College system.”

The reunion will take place on September 15 from 1 p.m. – 9 p.m. with special guest speakers from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Following the speakers, there will be campus tours and an opportunity to socialize with friends, faculty, staff and former classmates.

At 7 p.m., the evening culminates with a varsity vs. alumni basketball game in the Health and Wellness Centre. The reunion and open house is a free event. Don't miss the fun – register today at <http://saultreunion2017.eventbrite.ca>

The theme for the 50th anniversary celebration in 2017 is The Start of Something Amazing – a celebration of the start of the system 50 years ago, and recognition of how college education marks the start of great career opportunities for growing numbers of students.

The anniversary celebrations have included an online contest – the William G. Davis Innovation Fund – where students and graduates promote creative ventures that are competing for cash prizes. There are also video tributes on the Amazing 50 website from successful graduates from across the province.

A highlight of the anniversary celebrations is the province-wide mobile tour. The fully decked trailer that arrives on September 15 includes:

- A historical timeline of college milestones over the past 50 years.
- A game-show-style, head-to-head quiz that tests what visitors know about colleges and pop culture history.
- Examples of how colleges are promoting environmental stewardship and tackling climate change.
- Displays that spotlight leading-edge innovations at colleges.
- Profiles of graduates' successes in Canada and throughout the world.
- An opportunity to vote on the top 10 finalists in the William G. Davis Innovation Fund.

Today's colleges offer 900 programs in a wide range of fields, including business, advertising, IT, tourism, health care, aviation and the skilled trades. Many graduates are finding rewarding careers in evolving areas such as biotechnology, digital animation and 3D manufacturing.

Successful college graduates include hospital presidents, top TV and radio personalities, celebrity chefs, Hollywood directors and animators, corporate CEOs and many others.

"Our graduates continue to make their mark in every field imaginable," said Dr. Ron Common. "As new ideas and innovations transform our world, the professional qualifications acquired through a college education are more essential than ever."

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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.