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Saskatchewan Polytechnic live-streams convocation

Families and friends from around the world can watch online as their loved ones cross the stage

May 27, 2015 – Families and friends of Saskatchewan Polytechnic graduates can watch Friday's convocation ceremonies for Saskatoon graduates from the comfort of their homes online through the Saskatchewan Polytechnic YouTube channel.

"It's important to live-stream our convocation ceremonies as we have students from all edges of Saskatchewan, across Canada and around the world attend Saskatchewan Polytechnic," says Dr. Larry Rosia, president and CEO. "Families and friends who are unable to travel to attend this momentous occasion are able to virtually celebrate this academic milestone."

People wanting to watch the livestream Friday morning or afternoon should visit www.saskpolytech.ca/convocation.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic students and alumni will be recognized at the convocation for industry development, community building and academic achievement. Jim Nowakowski, Saskatchewan Polytechnic board member; Dr. Larry Rosia, Saskatchewan Polytechnic president and CEO; and other dignitaries will be on hand for the presentation of two major awards, including Saskatchewan Polytechnic's honorary diploma and Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Joyce Sander, associate director of Human Resources at the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization – International Vaccine Centre, will receive an honorary diploma for her contributions to the development of the bio-science and bio-technology industries. The Outstanding Citizenship Award will be given to graduate Crystal Whitefish from the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for building community at the Saskatoon campus through her leadership with nursing and Aboriginal initiatives.

Roxanne Suchan, Medical Laboratory Technology program graduate, will receive the Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal for the highest average at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Saskatoon Campus. Alice Zhang will be recognized with the Governor General's Academic Medal for the highest average in the Prince Albert campus Grade 12 class. Amie Klassen will be recognized with the Governor General's Academic Medal for the highest average in the Saskatoon campus Grade 12 class, but cannot attend the ceremony.

A total of 550 graduates will be participating in the two ceremonies on Friday, representing 58 Saskatchewan Polytechnic certificate and diploma programs as well as Basic Education and the Faculty Certificate Program.

Media are encouraged to attend the convocation ceremony.

Date: Friday, May 29, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Location: TCU Place, 35 22nd Street East, Saskatoon

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 26,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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