

Polytechnics Canada Conference Backgrounder

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The 11 members of Polytechnics Canada are located in Canada's key economic regions and include the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), SAIT Polytechnic, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Red River College in Manitoba, and Conestoga, Sheridan, Humber, George Brown, Seneca and Algonquin colleges in Ontario. As the voice of Canada's research-intensive colleges and institutes of technology, Polytechnics Canada advocates for building a stronger economy through industry-responsive innovation and productivity.

2015 Conference Highlights

Wednesday, May 6
Queensbury Centre, Salon B and C, 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina

6:30 p.m. – opening dinner

Speakers: Hon. Kevin Doherty, Minister of Advanced Education
Mike McCullough, former Saskatchewan Roughrider
Elysia Vandenhurk, entrepreneur, Three Farmers

Thursday, May 7
Hotel Saskatchewan, Regency Ballroom, 2125 Victoria Avenue, Regina

8 a.m.

Federal Election 2015, Bruce Anderson, i2 Ideas and Issues Advertising

10 a.m.

Global Demand for Market-Relevant Education and Training, David Arkless, CDI Corporation

11:30 a.m.

Industry Sector Experts Panel:

- Cheryl Knight, Cheryl Knight and Associates
- Derek Lothian, Canadian Manufactures and Exporters
- Pamela Schwann, Saskatchewan Mining Association

Conference co-host

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 26,700 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. 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.