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SIAS Wascana grad honours students

Lieutenant Governor to present top academic medals

June 23, 2011 – SIAS Wascana Campus will honour students and special award recipients tomorrow at its annual graduation ceremony. His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan; Pamela Schwann, SIAS board of directors chair; Dr. Bob McCulloch, SIAS president and CEO; and other dignitaries will be on hand for the presentation of four major awards including two SIAS honorary diplomas and two Governor General's Academic Medals.

Media are invited to attend:

Date: Friday, June 24, 2011
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: Conexus Arts Centre
200 Lakeshore Drive
Regina SK

The **SIAS Honorary Diplomas** will be awarded to John and Helen Lockwood of Regina, who have been actively involved in their community for many years. Through philanthropic support of numerous institutions including SIAS, the Lockwoods have touched many lives. At SIAS, the Lockwoods have provided \$131,500 in bursaries, benefiting 120 students.

The prestigious **Governor General's Academic Medals** will be presented to Melissa Bolton and Kristen Leigh by His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart on behalf of the Governor General of Canada. Bolton, a graduate of the Dental Hygiene program, will receive the Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal for graduating with the highest grade point average from a diploma program at SIAS Wascana Campus. Leigh, a graduate of the Adult 12 Basic Education program, will receive the Governor General's Academic Medal.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 15,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 25,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAST operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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