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SIAS Kelsey grad honours students

FSIN's Doris Greeyes to be awarded honorary diploma

May 26, 2011 – SIAS Kelsey Campus will honour students and special award recipients tomorrow during its two annual graduation ceremonies.

His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, will be present for the morning ceremony. The honorary diploma recipient, Doris Greeyes, will address graduates during the afternoon ceremony.

Greeyes is the executive director of the justice secretariat for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. She worked with SIAS staff to develop the Indigenous Peacekeeping program. Greeyes has a long history of contributing to the community in various capacities, including adult education.

In addition to the honorary diploma, special awards and their recipients will include:

The **SIAS Innovation Award**, to be presented jointly to Christine Frayne and Danielle Bader, who are graduating from the Chemical Technology program at SIAS Kelsey Campus and who worked together on two SIAS applied research projects funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council. Both projects involved the removal of impurities from industrial waste water. Bader and Frayne also often worked independently on the projects and demonstrated innovation in their problem-solving skills.

The **SIAS Outstanding Citizenship Award**, to be presented to second-year nursing student Lina Esmail from the Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS) at SIAS Kelsey Campus. Esmail has worked hard to create opportunities for students at SIAS to connect with her program, support each other through mentorship and learn about what it means to be a member of the nursing profession.

A prestigious **Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Medal**, to be presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan on behalf of the Governor General of Canada. Ryan Wiebe, graduating from the Electronic Systems Engineering Technology program, will receive the award for achieving the highest overall average upon graduation from a diploma-level program at SIAST Kelsey Campus.

Media are invited to attend the graduation ceremonies:

Date: Friday, May 27, 2011
Times: 9:00 a.m. and
1:30 p.m.
Location: TCU Place
Saskatoon, SK

SIAST board member Donna Birkmaier will represent the board at the morning ceremony; Neil Buechler will represent the board in the afternoon.

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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