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# **SIAS Kelsey honours outstanding students**

*Annual graduation ceremonies recognize achievements*

**May 29, 2008, Saskatoon** – SIAS Kelsey Campus will honour students tomorrow at two graduation ceremonies. Two major awards will be presented at the morning graduation ceremonies – the Governor General's Academic Medal and a SIAS Student Outstanding Citizenship Award.

The prestigious **Governor General's Academic Medal** will be presented to Hassan Saad by Dr. Robert McCulloch, SIAS president and CEO. Saad, a graduate of the Basic Education Adult 12 program, received the bronze medal for achieving the highest standing in secondary programming at SIAS Kelsey Campus.

A new SIAS-wide award – the **SIAS Student Outstanding Citizenship Award** – will be presented to Luke Pelletier, a student of the Medical Radiologic Technology program, for his demonstrated commitment to SIAS and surrounding area communities, for contributions to the advancement of the campus and SIAS's mission and values, and the impact he has made on a number of students.

Luke volunteered to tutor other students without compensation because he was worried some might not be able to pay; he has mentored Year 1 students on clinical placements, and he volunteers in the emergency department at Royal University Hospital. Luke was also a SIAS student ambassador through his first year of studies. Luke's nomination describes him as a "can-do" kind of guy. When he found himself without transportation recently, Luke walked five miles rather than miss his clinical placement. For Luke, there are "no problems, just solutions."

The ceremonies commence at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at TCU Place in Saskatoon.

SIAS is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAS programs, which touch

every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 29,000 individual course registrations. It 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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