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# PotashCorp surpasses \$200,000 in SIAST student awards

*70 bursaries and scholarships available*

**October 20, 2010** – With 70 bursaries and scholarships worth a total of \$96,000 available this year, PotashCorp support to SIAST students has surpassed the \$200,000 mark.

The PotashCorp Student Awards program at SIAST started in the fall of 2008. Since then, PotashCorp has donated \$213,750 to support 150 bursaries and 73 Centennial Merit Scholarships. Matching funds provided through the Centennial Merit Scholarship program have made it possible for SIAST to award 223 scholarships and bursaries with a total value of \$287,000 to SIAST students over the last three years.

This year, 50 bursaries of \$1,000 each are available with a variety of criteria. Targeted recipients include Aboriginal students, women in trades or technology and students graduating from a high school near a PotashCorp location. In addition to these bursaries, PotashCorp is also funding 20 Centennial Merit Scholarships with a total value of \$46,000 this school year.

“We believe in investing in the future – at our mine sites and in our communities,” said Bill Doyle, president and chief executive officer of PotashCorp. “Our partnership with SIAST and the financial support we have provided to hundreds of students are helping to prepare a new generation of well-trained and skilled personnel – the foundation for growth in our province.”

“The support of committed and generous partners like PotashCorp makes a significant difference in the lives of hundreds of SIAST students. Scholarships and bursaries make it possible for students to focus on their studies and succeed in their efforts, says Pam McLellan, director of Donor and Alumni Relations at SIAST. “As important, support of

student awards demonstrates that corporations like PotashCorp want to invest in the success of SIAST students, and want to recognize their achievements.”

Information about the bursaries and scholarships can be found at the SIAST website [http://www.siastr.sk.ca/admissions/scholarships\\_awards.shtml](http://www.siastr.sk.ca/admissions/scholarships_awards.shtml).

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 14,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 30,000 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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