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Yara supports SIAST students

SIAST receives equipment, scholarship donation worth over \$60K

December 8, 2011 – Yara Belle Plaine is investing in SIAST students with a \$60,000 donation. The funding received from Yara will support SIAST recruitment events and student awards programs, and will also be used to purchase software that will benefit the SIAST Power Engineering Technology program.

“At Yara, we understand the important role that SIAST programming plays in supplying both the Saskatchewan workforce and our company with highly-skilled workers,” said Andrew Swenson of Yara Belle Plaine. “We are very pleased to provide support that ensures SIAST students have the opportunity to learn and train on the most up-to-date simulation software. This software will better prepare SIAST students to work in a state-of-the-art facility such as our plant in Belle Plaine.”

The computer simulation programming software will be installed in the lab used by Power Engineering Technology students at SIAST Kelsey Campus in Saskatoon. SIAST’s Power Engineering Technology program provides knowledge and skill development in the operation of a power (steam) plant or industrial processes.

“We take pride in our ability to provide students with current equipment and technology that are comparable to what they will use in the industry,” said Bill Allen, SIAST’s associate dean of Technology. “Current and future students of SIAST’s Power Engineering Technology program will benefit greatly from Yara’s donation of new simulation software.”

Yara’s support also includes a \$15,000 investment in SIAST’s student awards program. Scholarships have been created to benefit students in the SIAST Power Engineering Technology, Instrumentation Engineering Technology and Electrical Engineering Technology programs.

“SIAST greatly appreciates the value that Yara places on education, which is demonstrated so well by these contributions, and we look forward to a long supportive relationship as SIAST continues to assist in the building of Saskatchewan's economic and social prosperity,” said Allen.

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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