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SIAST has the answer key: campaign

Job-ready programming among reasons to choose SIAST

November 2, 2010 – SIAST is encouraging students to explore post-secondary options sooner rather than later with a fall campaign that explains how to start the process.

"Making post-secondary plans are among the most important life decisions students make," says Alison Pickrell, SIAST's associate vice president, Student Affairs. "Taking advantage of our recruitment and counselling services, along with starting early, will help students secure a seat in the right program," she adds.

The campaign's main marketing message – "Life is multiple choice – and we have the answer key" – highlights reasons to choose SIAST, lists program areas and explains how to start exploring a future at SIAST. Ads encourage potential students to set up a profile on myChoice.goSIAST.com so that they may be the first to find out about events and news customized to their program interests.

"There are many reasons why SIAST can be the answer to a potential student's post-secondary training – from small class sizes and affordable tuition to being job-ready in as little as one or two years," says Bill Blok, student recruitment coordinator at SIAST. "SIAST is your answer key."

The campaign began last week and will run into the beginning of December.

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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