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# **SIAST honours retail leader at graduation**

*Lt. Gov. to present awards at annual SIAST Wascana ceremony*

**June 24, 2010** – An advocate and activist for independent grocers will be among those honoured at the graduation ceremony tomorrow for SIAST Wascana Campus students. Harry Watson will receive an honorary diploma for community and industry contributions. Citizenship and Governor General medals for academic achievement will be presented, and the graduation of students from the Regina campus will be celebrated.

Dignitaries at the ceremony will include His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan; Alan Thomarat, SIAST board chair; and Dr. Robert G. McCulloch, president and CEO of SIAST.

Awards and winners are:

**Honorary diploma** – Harry Watson, president of Triple 4 Advertising Ltd., was instrumental in the formation of the buying group for independent grocers in the late 1990s. Triple 4 now represents more than 500 independent grocery retailers in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northern Ontario. Watson is active with the Children’s Wish Foundation, the Roughriders community youth program and the Regina Food Bank, to which he donated 25 acres of land and six buildings. Watson has been recognized by the Province of Saskatchewan and by the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers.

**SIAST Citizenship Award** – David Ross, who this month is completing Grade 12 through Basic Education at SIAST, is a role model for effective student behaviour, encouraging others to make the changes they need to be successful. After completing Grade 12, Ross hopes to pursue a degree in social work.

**Governor General Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal** – The top academic achiever in a diploma program at SIAST Wascana Campus, Suzanne Blake is graduating

from SIAST's Applied Photography program with an average of almost 96 percent. Blake previously received a Centennial Merit Scholarship, Aramark Canada Scholarship and SIAST Achievement Scholarship. She will be working for Suzanne Marie Photography.

**Governor General Bronze Medal** – Mikayla Shultz is graduating from Grade 12 through Basic Education at SIAST Wascana Campus with an average of more than 91 percent. Shultz plans to engage in opportunities for community involvement and to enrol in a social work degree program.

Media are invited to attend the graduation and awards ceremony:

**Date: Friday, June 25**  
**Time: 1 p.m.**  
**Place: Conexus Arts Centre**  
**200 Lakeshore Dr.**  
**Regina SK**

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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