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SIAS Kelsey grad honours students

Steve Webster to be awarded honorary diploma

May 27, 2010 – SIAS Kelsey Campus will honour students tomorrow during the annual graduation ceremony. His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan; Alan Thomarat, SIAS board of directors chair; Dr. Robert McCulloch, SIAS president and CEO and other dignitaries will be on hand for the presentation of four major awards during the SIAS Kelsey Campus graduation ceremony. The awards include a SIAS honorary diploma, a SIAS Student Outstanding Citizenship Award, and two Governor General's Academic Medals.

A **SIAS honorary diploma** in Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technology will be awarded to Steve Webster. Webster has been employed with the Radiation Safety Unit at the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour for 25 years. He is passionate about educating and protecting the public and professionals who are exposed to ionizing radiation. Webster is known by many as a resource and proponent on the uses and safety issues around radiation. He is an effective communicator who has made a significant contribution in sharing his knowledge through a number of written papers, articles, lectures and presentations. He has served on the board of directors of the Canadian Radiation Protection Association, Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists, Saskatchewan Radiation Health and Safety Committee, University of Saskatchewan Radiation Safety Advisory Committee, the Saskatchewan Association of Medical Imaging Managers, and the Saskatchewan Association of Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technicians. Additionally, Webster has served on many other committees and working groups. Webster is an avid supporter of SIAS and has been a member of the Medical Diagnostic Programs Advisory Committee since 2001.

The **SIAS Student Outstanding Citizenship Award** recognizes commitment to the SIAS community beyond the responsibilities of program requirements. This award will be presented to Courtney LeGrand, who is graduating from the Medical Radiologic Technology program. LeGrand has shown great leadership and commitment to her fellow students. Throughout the program, students have turned to LeGrand for

assistance, and she has been more than willing to help. LeGrand has a unique ability to reword technical information for students in order to clarify concepts. In the community she has been involved in fundraisers such as Ronald McDonald House and the Children's Wishmaker Walk. LeGrand feels strongly that she can provide radiology procedures to patients with compassion and skill to give the patient a positive experience. She will complete her program at the end of August 2010.

The prestigious **Governor General's Academic Medals** will be presented to Muhammad Arifin and Tamara Brandrick by Dr. Robert McCulloch on behalf of the Governor General of Canada. Arifin, a graduate of the Adult 12 Basic Education program, will receive the Governor General's Bronze Medal. Brandrick, a graduate of the Early Childhood Education program, will receive the Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Medal.

Media are invited to attend:

Date: Friday, May 28, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: TCU Place
Saskatoon, 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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