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# **SIAST Palliser recognizes excellence**

*Lieutenant Governor on hand to present academic medal*

**Moose Jaw, December 1, 2006** – SIAST Palliser Campus recognized academic excellence this afternoon with scholarships and awards valued at more than \$194,000.

His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, was on hand to present the Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Academic Medal.

More than 80 awards were presented, including 32 Centennial Merit Scholarships. The government of Saskatchewan matches private donations to CMS awards, each of which covers a full-year's tuition.

SIAST president and CEO Dr. Bob McCulloch thanked donors, noting that dozens of awards are presented at SIAST campuses across Saskatchewan each fall and spring. "That level of support would not be possible without the generosity of the many businesses, organizations and individuals who contribute to scholarship and development programs at SIAST," Dr. McCulloch said.

The Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Academic Medal was awarded to Amber Coates. The medal is awarded to the diploma graduate with the highest academic standing. Coates graduated from the Business Accountancy program with a 94 percent average. She is currently employed by the City of Moose Jaw. Coates has received several awards in

connection with her studies at SIAST, including the SaskPower Scholarship, a SIAST Achievement Scholarship and an award from Enbridge Inc.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 25,000 individual course registrations. It 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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