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SI AST Palliser graduation, awards ceremonies honour students
Four major awards presented during graduation ceremony

May 1, 2008 - SIAST Palliser Campus will honour students tomorrow at two important ceremonies – the morning awards ceremony in Moose Jaw followed by the afternoon graduation ceremony in Caronport, Saskatchewan.

SI AST Palliser Awards Ceremony
Date: May 2, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: SIAST Palliser Campus
Student Lounge

SI AST Palliser Graduation Ceremony
Date: May 2, 2008
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Hildebrand Chapel
Caronport, SK

His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan; Wilson Olive, SIAST board of directors chair; Dr. Robert McCulloch, SIAST president and CEO; and, David Walls, SIAST senior vice president, academic will be on hand when four major awards are presented during the SIAST Palliser Campus graduation ceremony. The awards include two Governor General’s Academic Medals, a SIAST honorary diploma, the SIAST Student Innovation Award and a SIAST Student Outstanding Citizenship Award.

The prestigious Governor General’s Academic Medal will be presented to two SIAST Palliser Campus students by His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan on behalf of the Governor General.

An honorary diploma will recognize a person who models SIAST values, is a community service role model, and is committed to making the world a better place.

SIAST Palliser Campus receives the distinction of awarding two new SIAST-wide awards to students from the campus. The SIAST Student Innovation Award will recognize a team of students at SIAST Palliser Campus who have achieved a high standard of
excellence on an innovative project or demonstrated innovative methods within a program of study. A SIAST Student Outstanding Citizenship Award will be given to a SIAST Palliser Campus grad who has demonstrated commitment to SIAST and surrounding area communities, contributes to the advancement of the campus and SIAST’s mission and values, and benefits or impacts a number of students.

Earlier that day, SIAST will recognize student achievement at the awards ceremony. The ceremony recognizes the winners of more than 134 scholarships and awards, valued at more than $130,000.

Media are encouraged to attend both ceremonies.

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