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SIAST Palliser recognizes academic excellence

Awards and graduation ceremonies honour hard-working students

Caronport, SK, April 28, 2007 – SIAST Palliser Campus in Moose Jaw honored students today with two important ceremonies – awards and scholarship presentations and the annual graduation ceremony. The events took place at Caronport, Saskatchewan.

During the morning ceremony, 166 awards and scholarships valued at more than \$89,000 were given to deserving students and graduates for their commitment to academics, school activities and community involvement. The awards included the new SaskPower Trades Awards, which awarded \$1,500 to three industrial instrument mechanic apprentice students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, leadership qualities and a balanced lifestyle. In total, almost \$300,000 in awards has been presented in the 2006/2007 academic year.

SIAST Palliser Campus also recognized exceptional work in the classroom by honouring instructors Dominic Flagel, Automotive Technician; Maureen Munshaw, Administration/Marketing; and Muriel Towriss, Office Education. Dr. Robert McCulloch, SIAST president and CEO, presented the Excellence in Teaching Awards, which are awarded to instructors who are educationally effective and responsive to the learning needs of students.

The afternoon graduation ceremony welcomed the address to the graduands by Christine Boyczuk, the recipient of this year's honorary diploma in Business. Boyczuk was recognized for her outstanding contribution to education and the community.

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 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than

28,000 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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