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Students help students in a big way

Students' association donation will create \$250K in scholarships

February 4, 2009 – The Palliser Students' Association (PSA) has announced a major contribution to student scholarships at SIAST Palliser Campus. Over the next 10 years, the PSA will support student scholarships and awards that, through a matching funds program, will have a total value of approximately \$250,000.

"With the ongoing support of Coca-Cola, the Palliser Students' Association will continue to support scholarships, awards and initiatives that will improve the quality of student life at the Palliser campus," Mike Ehr, president of the PSA said. "We felt that with the increasing enrolment at SIAST Palliser Campus, there was a need to increase the number of scholarships and awards available to students. We appreciate the support and commitment of Coca-Cola, and are very pleased to be able to provide Palliser students with scholarships and awards that not only lighten the financial strain of their education, but also recognize their accomplishments and encourage them to reach for their dreams."

The scholarships and awards funded by the Palliser Students' Association will begin being disbursed in the 2009-10 academic year.

"This is a truly wonderful example of students helping students. There were a number of ways the association could have used these funds, but they chose to work with SIAST to establish this student scholarship and awards program," Pam McLellan, director of Donor and Alumni Relations for SIAST said. "We are also fortunate, through the Centennial Merit Scholarship Program offered by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, that most of the funding provided by the Palliser Students' Association is matched. This is a major addition to the scholarship and awards program at Palliser Campus, and we have the Palliser Students' Association to thank for it."

Individuals or organizations interested in supporting student scholarships and awards should contact Tawnia Stephanson, Donor and Alumni Relations coordinator at SIAST Palliser Campus, by calling 306-691-8226 or emailing her at stephansont@siast.sk.ca.

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 13,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 32,000 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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