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## **SaskEnergy invests in SIAST students**

**April 7, 2005** – Today, the SIAST Development Committee formally acknowledged SaskEnergy's commitment to SIAST students. The SaskEnergy Scholarship Trust provides \$125,000 in scholarships over five years to SIAST students in fields directly related to natural gas operations. This is SaskEnergy's second donation of \$125,000, bringing their total scholarship commitment at SIAST to one quarter of a million dollars. More than 80 SIAST students are expected to benefit from the trust.

The SaskEnergy Scholarship Trust recognizes outstanding students in the areas of Computer Systems Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, Instrumentation Engineering Technology, Electrician, Industrial Mechanics, and Welding.

"We are very pleased to continue supporting SIAST and its many students who represent some of the best and brightest in Saskatchewan," says Robert Haynes, vice president of SaskEnergy human resources. "The natural gas business in this province is a significant growth area – one that attracts highly specialized individuals who are necessary to help support this area of the economy. SIAST produces the quality of students necessary for us at SaskEnergy to reach our goals, and we are very proud to support them and the recipients of our scholarships."

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"Thanks to SaskEnergy, SIAST students across Saskatchewan have access to scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$5,000," said Ralph Boychuk, chair, SIAST Development Committee. "SaskEnergy supports Saskatchewan education by investing in our students, encouraging them to enroll in SIAST programs, and to work in the natural gas field after graduation."

For more information about SIAST scholarships and awards, go to

<http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/servicesforstudents/scholarships>

SaskEnergy is Saskatchewan's natural gas distribution company, a provincial Crown corporation with roots of more than half a century in Saskatchewan. SaskEnergy delivers the benefits of safe, convenient and environmentally friendly natural gas to more than 325,000 residential, farm, commercial and industrial customers throughout Saskatchewan.

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 more than 27,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of programs and courses through distance education.

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