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SIAST gala spotlights Wascana

Fundraiser highlights Nursing and Health students, staff and facilities

March 23, 2006 – SIAST is hosting its first annual Spotlight Series Gala next Monday at SIAST Wascana Campus. This year's showcase will feature the students, staff, programs, and facilities of the Nursing and the Health and Sciences divisions. Funds raised from the event will be used to support student awards and scholarships at SIAST Wascana Campus.

The three-year spotlight series will feature a different cluster of programs each year. Students and teaching staff of the featured programs will conduct tours of program areas and provide demonstrations. At dinner students will be seated at each table, giving guests the chance to find out first-hand how SIAST is preparing Saskatchewan's youth for the future.

"SIAST Wascana Campus plays a key role in our community," says Harvey Granatier, CEO and president of CONEXUS Credit Union and honorary chair of the event. "With more than 3,200 full-load equivalent students enrolled in programs offered through the Wascana campus, and 360 full-time equivalent employees, SIAST makes a significant contribution to Regina's economic and business sectors. The first annual Spotlight Series Gala is an opportunity to meet a major partner in our community, and to experience SIAST first-hand and come to understand a little better why SIAST is recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation," he adds.

Tickets are \$65 each and can be purchased by contacting Pam McLellan at 306-798-0737 or mclellanpa@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 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 27,000 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.

Additional information about SIAST is available at www.goSIAST.com

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