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SIAST Woodland recognizes top achievers

32 students recognized for academic excellence

Prince Albert, November 22, 2006 – SIAST Woodland Campus honoured 32 students this afternoon with scholarships and awards valued at \$80,595.

“Our awards recipients have worked hard, and the honours they received today are richly deserved,” says SIAST President and CEO Bob McCulloch. “Students benefit tremendously from the generosity of our donors. But they aren’t the only winners. Support from donors is, I believe, a vote of confidence in our faculty and staff. And it’s a credit to the hard work of our scholarship and development folk.”

Today’s ceremony recognized SIAST Woodland’s top students, including 23 first-year Centennial Merit Scholarship recipients. These scholarships are equal to first-year tuition. The provincial government and private donors provide matching funds for Centennial Merit Scholarships, which are awarded to Saskatchewan students who are under 30-years-old and who meet high academic criteria.

Additional awards and scholarships presented include the Millennium Excellence Award received by Marjorie Roden. It is awarded to a diploma student who excels in community involvement, leadership and academic achievement. Roden is enrolled in the Media Arts Production diploma program. Nicole Squires received the CN Scholarship for Women. This scholarship encourages women to seek careers in trades, technology and operations where participation by women in these fields has been limited. Squires is the only female student in the Outdoor Power Equipment Technician (OPET) Marine Lawn and Garden certificate program at Woodland.

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 courses and programs through distance education.

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