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Editors: A bio on Brenda LePage follows this release.

Warden from Sask Penitentiary receives honorary diploma

LePage recognized for leadership and dedication to correctional services

June 8, 2007 – Saskatchewan Penitentiary warden Brenda LePage has been awarded an honorary diploma in Correctional Studies from SIAST. LePage received the award at the annual SIAST Woodland graduation ceremony held today in Prince Albert.

“Brenda’s dedication and contributions to our Corrections programming, her advocacy for women in the industry and her work on a mentorship program for Aboriginal and other visible minority students were all strong factors in the committee’s unanimous recommendation that she receive this year’s SIAST Woodland Campus honorary diploma,” says Dr. Bob McCulloch, president and CEO of SIAST.

SIAST’s honorary diploma program recognizes people for distinguished achievements and contributions aligned with SIAST’s vision, values, goals and objectives.

“It is a wonderful honour to be recognized by the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology,” says Brenda LePage. “Our partnership with SIAST helps us ensure there is fair representation in the corrections industry and that students receive the best in instruction and training environments as they prepare for a rewarding and challenging career.”

Brenda LePage has been with the Correctional Service of Canada since 1984 and is currently the warden at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary. LePage participated in a special assignment in Ottawa, being one of the key players in the design and implementation of new prisons for women. She is the chair of the SIAST Correctional Services program advisory committee and was instrumental in establishing the industry secondment position to the program. She is currently working with SIAST and industry to develop strategies for mentoring students from minorities. LePage also volunteered her time to teach a credit class on Women in Corrections.

LePage was the guest speaker at SIAST Woodland Campus's graduation ceremony today. More than 860 students are graduating from SIAST Woodland Campus this year; they are among approximately 4,000 students who will graduate from SIAST across the province.

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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Brenda LePage

Brenda LePage has been with the Correctional Service of Canada since 1984. She started her career as a living unit officer (now known as a correctional officer II). Her correctional experience includes minimum, medium and maximum security facilities, as well as community corrections and a psychiatric centre. LePage participated in a special assignment in Ottawa, being one of the key players in the design and implementation of new prisons for women. She is currently warden at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary. She served as deputy warden in 1996 and was appointed warden in 2000. In 2002 LePage was warden at the Riverbend Institution in Prince Albert, remaining there for three years until returning to Saskatchewan Penitentiary in 2005. She has been a member of the SIAST Correctional Services program advisory board since 1996 and is presently the current chair.

Her many community and professional contributions include being a member of the Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce board of directors. She also was a past participant/board member of the Prince Albert and District Safer Communities Committee, Prince Albert Uniting to Heal, Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan and the Lakeland Preschool and Daycare Cooperative. LePage is a past recipient of the Prince Albert and YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the business, professional and entrepreneurship category. She enjoys sports and was the manager of Saskatchewan First Snowboarding Team for the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon.