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# **SIAS Woodland recognizes top achievers**

*21 students receive first-year tuition scholarships*

**Prince Albert, November 23, 2005** – SIAS Woodland Campus honoured 31 students this afternoon with scholarships and awards valued at more than \$82,000.

“The students we’re recognizing today have both the academic aptitude and the work ethic they’ll need to excel in today’s challenging work environments,” says SIAS president and CEO Bob McCulloch.

“This event recognizes their success, and it allows all of us to thank the donors who are rewarding and supporting exceptional achievement,” Dr. McCulloch adds.

The Governor General’s Academic Bronze Medal, one of the most prestigious awards that a student in a Canadian educational institution can receive, was presented to Crystal Middlebrook, a full-time Adult 12 Basic Education graduate with the highest academic average.

Jennifer Brockman, enrolled in the Chemical Dependency Worker program, received the Millennium Excellence Award. The \$4,000 scholarship, sponsored by Millennium Scholarship Foundation, recognizes students for academic excellence and active citizenship. The criteria includes community involvement, the ability to lead and motivate others, and an interest in innovation and academic achievement.

Twenty-one students received funding for first-year tuition and books through Centennial Merit Scholarships, which are funded jointly by private donors and the provincial government.

SIAS 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 SIAS 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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