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Saskatchewan Polytechnic live-streams convocation

Families and friends from around the world can watch online as their loved ones cross the stage

April 29, 2015 – Families and friends of Saskatchewan Polytechnic graduates can watch Friday's convocation ceremony for Moose Jaw graduates from the comfort of their homes online through the Saskatchewan Polytechnic YouTube channel.

"It's important to live-stream our convocation ceremony as we have students from all edges of Saskatchewan, across Canada and around the world attend Saskatchewan Polytechnic," says Dr. Larry Rosia, president and CEO. "Families and friends who are unable to travel to attend this momentous occasion are able to virtually celebrate this academic milestone."

People wanting to watch the livestream Friday afternoon should visit Saskatchewan Polytechnic's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/saskpolytech>).

Saskatchewan Polytechnic students and alumni will be recognized at the convocation for industry development, community building and academic achievement. Ralph Boychuk, Saskatchewan Polytechnic board chair; Dr. Larry Rosia, Saskatchewan Polytechnic president and CEO; and other dignitaries will be on hand for the presentation of two major awards, including Saskatchewan Polytechnic's honorary diploma and Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Gaetan Bourassa, Saskatchewan Polytechnic alum and chief operating officer of AGT Food and Ingredients, will receive an honorary diploma for his contributions to the development of the Canadian pulse industry. The Outstanding Citizenship Award will be given to graduate Kyle Schachtel from the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Automotive Service Technician program for building community at the Moose Jaw campus through athletics.

Timothy Gerbrandt will be recognized with the Governor General's Academic Medal for the highest average in the Moose Jaw campus Grade 12 class. Nolan Hoggarth, Resource and Environmental Law graduate, will receive the Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal for the highest average at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Prince Albert Campus. Ryan Brodner, Electrical Engineering Technology graduate, is unable to attend the ceremony, but also receives the Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal for the highest average at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Moose Jaw Campus.

A total of 190 graduates will be participating in the ceremony on Friday afternoon, representing 29 Saskatchewan Polytechnic certificate and diploma programs as well as Basic Education and the Faculty Certificate Program.

Media are encouraged to attend the convocation ceremony.

Date: Friday, May 1, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Briercrest Chapel, 510 College Drive, Caronport, SK

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 26,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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