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# **SIAS Kelsey rewards excellence**

*Top student receives Governor General's medal*

**Saskatoon, November 16, 2006** – SIAS Kelsey Campus honoured students this afternoon with scholarships and awards valued at \$254,878.

“Our awards recipients have worked hard, and the honours they received today are richly deserved,” says SIAS President and CEO Bob McCulloch. “The businesses, organizations and individuals whose support makes these awards possible are making a wise investment not just in the students, but in the future of Saskatchewan.”

In total, 97 awards were presented, including the Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Academic Medal, awarded to Tayna Hawkes. The medal is awarded to the diploma graduate with the highest academic standing. Hawkes graduated from the Medical Laboratory Technology program with a 96.34 percent average. She is currently working at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Today's ceremony recognized SIAS Kelsey's top students, including 45 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.

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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