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SIAS Palliser graduation honours students

President of Alliance Energy to be awarded honorary diploma

April 30, 2009 – SIAS Palliser Campus will honour students tomorrow during the annual graduation ceremony. His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan; Alan Thomarat, SIAS board of directors chair; Dr. Robert McCulloch, SIAS president and CEO and other dignitaries will be on hand for the presentation of three major awards during the SIAS Palliser Campus graduation ceremony. The awards include a SIAS honorary diploma and two Governor General's Academic Medals.

A **SIAS honorary diploma** will be awarded to James (Paul) McLellan, president of Alliance Energy Ltd. Alliance Energy Ltd. is the province's largest employer of apprenticeship students, who take their technical training through SIAS. Paul, who became a Journeyman Electrician through training at SIAS, proudly promotes the benefits of a SIAS education. He is a former SIAS board member and former chair of the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission. His commitment to SIAS, apprentices and technical education make Paul a deserving recipient of this honorary diploma.

The prestigious **Governor General's Academic Medals** will be presented to Lorna Montgomery and Jahson Simoneau by His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan on behalf of the Governor General. Lorna, a graduate of the Business Accountancy program, received the collegiate bronze medal for achieving the highest overall average upon graduation from a diploma-level SIAS Palliser program. Lorna now works at the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority in Moose Jaw as an accounting technician. Jahson received the bronze medal for achieving the highest standing in secondary programming at SIAS Palliser Campus. Jahson currently works at the Temple Garden Mineral Spa, and plans to later pursue environmental studies.

Media are invited to attend:

Date: Friday, May 1, 2009
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Hildebrand Chapel
Caronport, SK

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 13,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 32,000 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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