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SIAS formally recognizes students

Awards and graduation ceremonies honour hard-working students

Moose Jaw – SIAS Palliser Campus honored students today with two important ceremonies – awards and scholarship presentations and the annual graduation ceremony.

During the morning award presentations, 158 scholarships and awards were given to deserving students and graduates for their commitment to academics, school activities and community involvement. These awards included the new Moose Jaw Settlement and Integration Coordinating Committee Scholarship. This \$500 scholarship is provided to encourage newcomers to Canada to pursue full-time post-secondary education at SIAS Palliser Campus. In total, almost \$300,000 in awards will have been presented in the 2005/2006 academic year.

“The students we’re honouring today are tomorrow’s community leaders,” says Palliser campus director Peter Lapointe. “They have met challenging and rigorous academic standards, and today family, friends and the whole community can recognize a student’s hard work and commitment in meeting their academic and personal goals.”

SIAS Palliser Campus also recognized exceptional work in the classroom by honouring instructors **Doug Rempel**, accountancy program; **Frank Veresh**, civil/environmental/water technologies programs; and **Greg Wheler**, architectural building/interior technologies programs, with Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Accomplished Saskatchewan journalist and business commentator Paul Martin gave the address to the graduands.

SIAS 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 SIAS programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 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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