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SIAS Palliser honours outstanding employees

Reg Forbes awarded President's Award of Excellence

November 7, 2008 – A SIAS Palliser Campus instructor has won SIAS's top province-wide employee award. Reg Forbes, who teaches in the Architectural Technologies programs, received the 2008 President's Award of Excellence for his commitment to furthering SIAS's mission and vision at an exceptional level.

Additionally, 37 employees were honoured for their commitment to the organization at the SIAS Palliser Campus Retirement and Long Service Banquet on Thursday evening. Employees providing 10-, 20- and 30-years of service and retirees were recognized, as was the SIAS Palliser Campus recipient of a SIAS Outstanding Service Award.

Dr. Bob McCulloch, SIAS president and CEO, presented the President's Award of Excellence to Forbes. "Reg merits exceptional recognition, not only because of his student-centred vision of 'learning through service,' but also for his contributions to numerous community environmental projects," Dr. McCulloch said. Forbes and SIAS students have received national recognition for their contributions to the SaskEnergy Share the Warmth program, he noted.

A flattered Forbes accepted the award saying, "I am very honoured to be chosen for this award. I love my job. The support I get from SIAS, my department head, fellow staff, dean, campus director and president is tremendous. The enthusiasm of the students keeps me enthused." Each year, only one President's Award of Excellence is awarded to a SIAS employee or team across the organization.

Patricia Yuzek was awarded an Outstanding Service Award for her commitment to SIAS Palliser Campus. Fourteen SIAS employees received 10-year awards, seven received 20-year awards, two received 30-year awards, and 12 retirees were honoured.

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 29,000 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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