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# SIAS Palliser rewards excellence

*Top student receives Governor General's Collegiate Bronze*

**Moose Jaw, Dec 2, 2005** – SIAS Palliser Campus honoured students this afternoon with scholarships and awards valued at \$200,226.

“We are recognizing SIAS students today for their commitment to excellence in both academics and work ethic,” says SIAS president and CEO Bob McCulloch. “But while we celebrate our student’s success, this ceremony also provides an opportunity to highlight individuals, organizations and businesses that contribute to SIAS’s scholarship and award programs. We’re very grateful for this support.”

In total, 83 awards were presented, including the Governor General’s Collegiate Bronze Academic Medal, presented to Linda Goetz. The medal is awarded to the diploma graduate with the highest academic standing. Goetz graduated from the Accountancy program.

In addition to the many other scholarships and awards, 22 first-year Centennial Merit Scholarships went to deserving students. 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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