

**SAULT COLLEGE KPI CELEBRATION**

**Tuesday May 03<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 a.m.**

**[AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY]**

Good morning, I'm very glad to be able to join you today for this terrific celebration.

What we are recognizing today is very significant. In the 2016 Key Performance Indicators report, Sault College was ranked in second in the province in overall student satisfaction. This follows two consecutive first-place rankings in 2014 and 2015. This is part of a trend, as over the course of the last five years the college has ranked either first or second in the province for student satisfaction.

In addition, the same 2016 report showed that Sault College ranked first for quality of facilities and resources, and also attained top-three rankings in most other categories. Considering that there are almost two dozen public colleges in the province, this is a remarkable achievement.

It is my belief that in order to achieve extraordinary results, we must first be willing to set extraordinary goals. What Sault College has accomplished here would likely not have happened had the institution not had the ambition and perseverance to pursue the goal of being Ontario's pre-eminent student-focused college.

On that note, on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie I'd like to offer my congratulations to Dr. Common and his senior staff for establishing the strategic direction and for providing the leadership that has led to this success.

Of course, in an environment as large and complex as a college, achieving the remarkable requires buy-in, commitment and teamwork across all levels of the organization. Full credit is also due to all of the faculty and staff who have pulled together to make this vision a reality.

Finally, I would also like to congratulate the students of Sault College for their contributions to this achievement. Because successful students are more than just recipients of an education, they are also active participants in it.

And so, my thanks goes out to the student body of Sault College, to the members of the Students' Union and the many campus clubs and committees, and to everyone who has contributed in a positive way to college life and the student experience. And thank you again to the students for being so quick to recognize and appreciate the high quality student experience that Sault College delivers.

When you combine innovative programming with an exceptional student experience, you have the recipe for growth and success.

So once again, thank you for inviting me here to join you today, and congratulations to everyone at Sault College for this fantastic achievement.