



Aboriginal Student Advisors

SIAST helps support Aboriginal student success through dedicated Aboriginal student advisors who help create success by providing:

- A friendly face, helpful connections to services and support
- Orientation to SIAST and surrounding community
- Referrals for tutor support
- Funding, housing, budgeting and employment information
- Connections to outside resources and networks
- Assistance organizing study groups and informational, social and cultural events



Aboriginal Activity Centres

Every SIAST campus has an Aboriginal activity centre. Although accessible to all students, centre staff provide support services primarily to students of Aboriginal ancestry. Centres are open from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The centres provide a place where students can:

- Meet people and find out what is happening
- Do homework or study
- Get referrals to tutor support
- Use computers
- Eat lunch and have coffee
- Sign up for cultural, educational and recreational activities
- Access Elders or cultural advisors
- And more!



Why? SIAST?

- Aboriginal activity centres
- Counselling support
- Education equity reserved seating
- Elder access
- Funding, housing, child care and employment information
- High grad employment rate



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SIAST Palliser Campus
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Aboriginal activity centre, room 2.202
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Elder services: (306) 691-8460
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REGINA
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ASAP Aboriginal community coordinator
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Aboriginal activity centre, room 153
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Elder services: (306) 775-7560
Reception: (306) 775-7436
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Science and Health Aboriginal Success Strategy (SHASS), room 150.2
Phone: (306) 775-7378

Aboriginal Nursing student advisors, room 150.2
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SIAST Woodland Campus
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Aboriginal activity centre, room 225 Academic Centre
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Elder services: (306) 765-1728
Reception: (306) 765-1611
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SIAST Kelsey Campus
Aboriginal student advisors, room B23
Phone: (306) 659-4212 or (306) 659-4802

Aboriginal activity centre, room 121.4
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Counsellor: (306) 659-4681
Elder services: (306) 659-4346
Reception: (306) 659-4050
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Science and Health Aboriginal Success Strategy (SHASS), room 121.3
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Aboriginal Nursing student advisors, room 404.5
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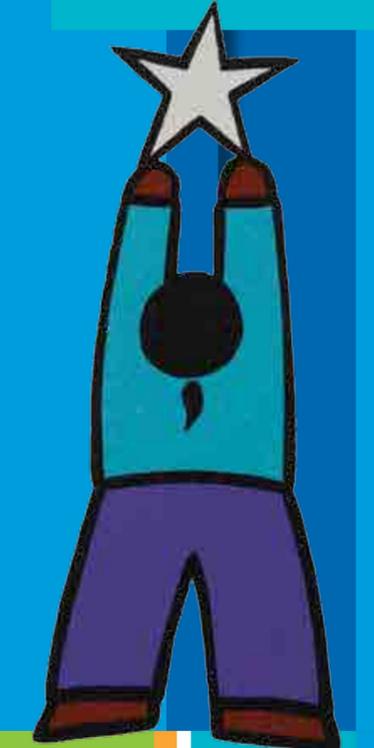
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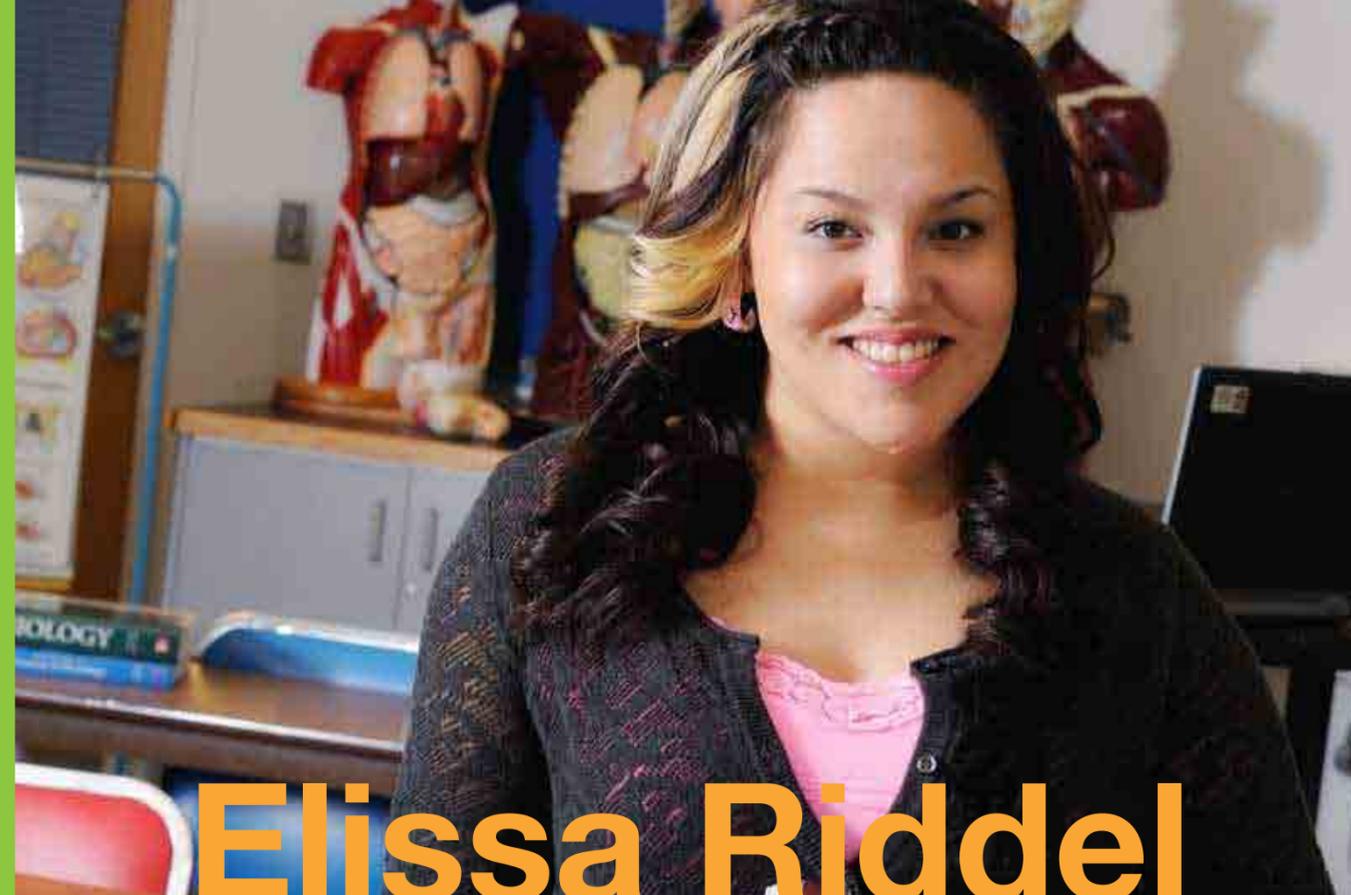
CATCH YOUR CAREER DREAM



You have the
**power of
choice**
at **SIAST**

Choose from 150-plus career-focused programs in the following areas:

- Applied/Visual Media
- Aviation
- Business
- Education and Early Learning
- Engineering Technology
- Health Services
- Hospitality
- Human Services
- Industrial/Trades
- Justice
- Natural Resources
- Nursing
- Science
- Technology



Elissa Riddel

For Elissa Riddel, closing one door in the health care field opened another. After a year of nursing, she realized she enjoyed the theory, but wasn't so interested in providing frontline care. That's when she took a close look at SIAST's Health Information Management program and knew it would be a better fit.

Even before she graduated health regions were interested in hiring her. "It was a bit overwhelming. I didn't think that I was going to have these job opportunities jumping out at me before I finished." If Elissa has her way, she'll gain experience both in traditional roles, such as a coder or health information analyst, as well in newer areas, such as electronic health records—"just to see where I can go."

For now, she wants to stay in Saskatchewan, where her family is. "My family was very supportive while I was going to school." Elissa also found support through SIAST's Science and Health Aboriginal Success Strategy, which offered sessions on subjects such as study skills, stress management and resumé building. "It's good to know that SIAST offers these kinds of programs."

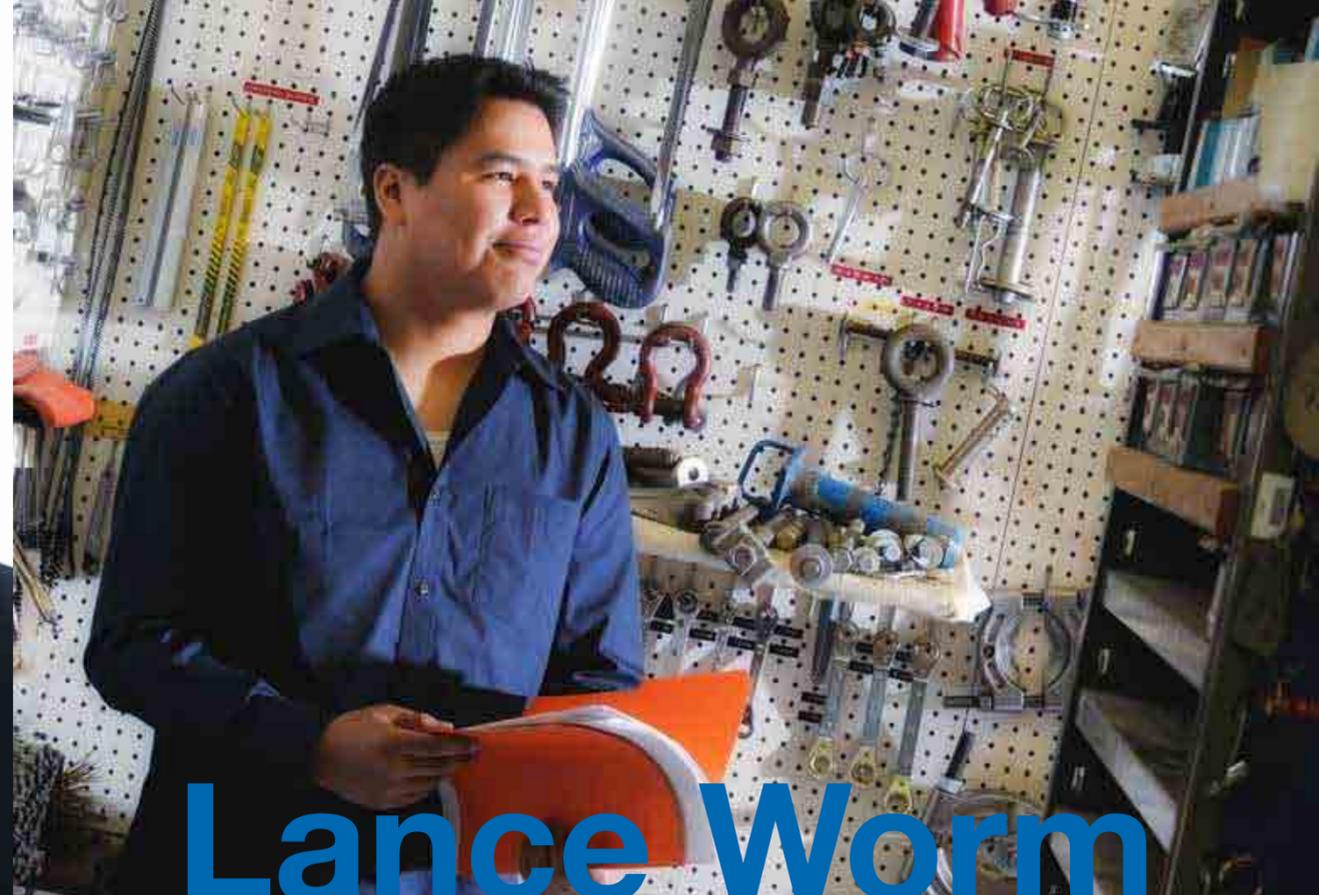


Johnny Walker

As a young man growing up in northeastern Saskatchewan, Johnny Walker had visions of working in the mining industry. It would be an opportunity to earn a lucrative paycheque, fly to remote locations and meet new people. So, he completed SIAST's Chemical Laboratory Technician program, only to do a 360 when a position at a federal employment centre took him in a new direction. "That summer job experience opened my eyes to office work but also to administration."

He liked what he saw so he returned to SIAST, polished off a diploma in Business Administration, and then a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Saskatchewan. Johnny is now corporate executive officer of the Prince Albert Grand Council, where he oversees the council's finances and serves as a liaison for several chiefs, government, industry and the private sector.

He feels strongly that everyone is brought into the world for a purpose. "It's up to us to determine what that purpose is. Education and training help us work towards that goal."



Lance Worm

"When in doubt, ask" could be Lance Worm's motto. Lance recently completed SIAST's Parts Management Technician program and he wasn't shy about peppering his instructors with questions. He had been a truck driver for two years so was familiar with the automotive aspects of the program. But the agricultural equipment component posed a steep learning curve. "I'd never farmed in my life. That was pretty hard for me."

It helped that his classes were small and not held, as Lance says, in a "big auditorium." "There were eight of us. The instructor had a lot of time to help each of us. When you wanted to ask a question, you could—no problem."

The program also covered communication and computer skills as well as the role of management, which really interested Lance. "I'd like to be a boss. I think I'm good with people. And I can attack problems head on."

