Hon. Dan D’Autremont
Saskatchewan Party MLA
Addresses
SASTT’s 51st Annual Awards Banquet

Hon. Dan D’Autremont is the Legislative Assembly’s presiding officer, the speaker, which he was elected to on December 5, 2011. He was first elected to the legislature in 1991 and re-elected in 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2016 representing the Cannington Constituency. He is one of the “original eight“ founding members of the Saskatchewan Party in 1997.

Since the Saskatchewan Party formed government in 2007, Dan has served as Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, Minister for Government Services, and Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office. Most recently, he served as Government House Leader, Co-chair of the Legislation and Regulation Review (cabinet) Committee, member of the Board of Internal Economy, member of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, member of the caucus’ Standing Policy Committee on crowns and central agencies, member of the Public Accounts Committee, member of the Privileges Committee and member of the House Services Committee. He was elected to serve as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on December 5, 2011.

SASTT was honoured to have Mr. D’Autremont address guests at their 51st Annual Awards Banquet on May 13, 2016. Mr. D’Autremont began by acknowledging any dignitaries that were present. He then proceeded to congratulate SASTT’s award recipients by stating, “you should be so proud, tonight we recognize the outstanding contributions you make to applied science and engineering technology. To ensure our long-term prosperity, we need a diverse knowledge-based economy driven by research and innovation. Your members will make a crucial contribution to our province. Our province’s engineers, technologists and technicians have always protected us by making sure things like roads, bridges, and buildings are properly designed and well-built. SASTT has upheld a high standard of work and a code of ethics for over 50 years.”

Mr. D’Autremont also spoke about the Memorandum of Agreement that SASTT recently signed with Saskatchewan Polytechnic. “I would also like to commend you on recently signing a Memorandum of Agreement with Saskatchewan Polytechnic to develop and promote careers in technology. This agreement will help encourage and train more technologists and technicians and will contribute to a more prosperous economy, improving the quality of life for all of us”, said Mr. D’Autremont.

We wish to express our gratitude to the Hon. Dan D’Autremont for joining us for our celebrations and bringing greetings on behalf of the Ministry of Advanced Education!
President’s Message
Mike Sazynski, AScT

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as SASTT’s President over the past year. At the AGM on May 13, 2016, I was provided the opportunity to serve in this capacity for another year – thank you. There have been a number of accomplishments within the organization during 2015 and we have ambitious plans for 2016/17.

During our May 13, 2016 AGM, we were once again reminded of the accomplishments and contributions our members make to our Province. We were also reminded of a statistic within a recent Conference Board of Canada Report. This Report estimated that technologists and technicians in Canada contributed $54.7 billion to the economy in 2011—3.3 percent of Canadian GDP, while this same group represents a much smaller percentage of the national workforce. It also discovered this group has strongly outpaced overall employment growth for Canada as a whole over the past 15 years, and wages are more than 20 percent higher than the national average. We need to share this story.

The SASTT Board of Directors met in the Fall of 2015 to renew our strategic plan for 2016/17. This was a great forum to reflect and re-focus our efforts. The outputs of this meeting have outlined our goals for 2016. One of the most significant discoveries in this process was the need to rebrand SASTT. This doesn’t just mean a new logo – this means a complete marketing initiative to define our value proposition, share the many success stories of our members, and raise the profile of this great profession. The SASTT Marketing Committee will be meeting with various groups to advance this initiative. I look forward to providing an update this Fall.

As noted in earlier publications, Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) is a bold, new, world class accreditation model for the applied science engineering technology profession in Canada. TAC’s First National Accreditation in Western Canada was recently awarded to Saskatchewan Polytechnic for the Mining Engineering Technology program at the Saskatoon Campus. We look forward to working with Saskatchewan Polytechnic as more programs seek accreditation.

SASTT will continue to work with members, employers, government, and Saskatchewan Polytechnic. It is going to be an exciting and informative year at SASTT. On behalf of SASTT, I send our sincere thanks for your continued support.

Regards,

Mike Sazynski, AScT

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SASTT’s VISION, MISSION, VALUES, & GOALS

Vision
To advance the recognition of Applied Science Technologists (A.Sc.T.), and Certified Technicians (C.Tech.) by industry, employers, and the citizens of Saskatchewan.

Mission
To service the public and the environment by promoting the integrity of applied science/engineering technology professionals through a registration process of technical proficiency and a code of ethical conduct for its practitioners.

Values
- Professionalism - perform work with due regard for the SASTT Code of Ethics.
- Service Excellence - perform work to professional standards.
- Integrity - respectful, ethical, and honest in all work relationships.
- Leadership - practice cooperation, inclusiveness and innovation in our work.
- Accountability - practice open, honest, fair and effective communication in our work.
- Education - partner with learning institutions and industry to enhance the education of technologists and technicians.

Goals
- Professional legislation and regulation that protects Saskatchewan’s public and environmental interests through mandatory membership, and a definition of practice which utilizes the education, training, and experience of applied science/engineering Technology Professionals.
- Consistent and universal recognition of Technology Professionals by employers, governments, other professionals, and regulatory bodies.
- To work with educational institutions to ensure academic programs meet the SASTT Registration Standards.
- SASTT and its members are involved as key stakeholders and contributors to public policy in areas in which Technology Professionals have a demonstrated interest and expertise.
- Membership growth and retention.
Each year the President's Award is chosen and presented by the President of SASTT to an individual who promotes and furthers the professional identity of the Association to the public. This individual, through professional conduct and actions, takes it upon themselves to educate, promote, and defend the organization and its membership. The President’s Award for 2016 was presented to David Willfong, AScT, a 37 year member of SASTT, in recognition of his tireless efforts towards promoting the applied science/engineering technology profession both provincially and nationally. Dave has served as chair of SASTT’s Registration Board twice over the past 30 years. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Technology Accreditation Canada. Congratulations Dave!

The Outstanding Employer Award recognizes outstanding technical achievement by employers of technology professionals in Saskatchewan. The basis of this Award may be a single, exceptional accomplishment or a long record of continuing excellence. Activities must be worthy of the designation “outstanding” in their contribution to technology in Canada. The Award is available to business firms, crown corporations, government agencies, individual entrepreneurs, associations, research and development agencies, and educational institutions. It was presented to Dynamo Electric: (L to R) Henry Doerksen, AScT, Doug Helmeczi, AScT, and Mike Holland.

The Outstanding Technical Achievement Award is presented to a SASTT member who has distinguished themselves in their career and has brought recognition and credit to the applied science/engineering technology profession. It recognizes excellent in professional life – whether technical practice or such areas as management, teaching or administration. The Outstanding Technical Achievement Award was presented to Dale Heshka, AScT.

The Maurice M. Zimmerman, AScT, Excellence in Technical Instruction Award is chosen and presented to an individual who deserves the admiration and respect of the general public, and is a member of SASTT. The objective of this Award is to publicly showcase a technical instructor who has demonstrated an outstanding level of professionalism and excellence in making a significant contribution to the study of technology. The Excellence in Technical Instruction Award was presented by Frank Veresh, AScT to Greg Wheler, AScT for his technical ability, leadership, creativity, innovation, and most importantly for the many students whom he has taught and mentored in the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Moose Jaw Campus, Architectural Engineering Technology program over the past 24 years.

The Merit Award is presented to members or non-members. These individuals have distinguished themselves in the service of the Association on a voluntary, salaried or elective basis. The Merit Award was presented to Cliff Adolf, AScT, who was recognized for the many years he has volunteered to serve on SASTT’s Marketing Committee, and with the Saskatoon Chapter.
Above (L to R): Ted Nelson, AScT (15 years); Rory Gin, AScT (15 years); Robert Ashton, AScT (10 years); Gregory Borisko, AScT (15 years); Steve Oszust, CTech (15 years); Glenn Richardson, CTech (15 years); and, Mike Sazynski, AScT (SASTT President)

Above (L to R): Calvin Stewart, AScT (30 years); James Brandt, AScT (30 years); Frank Van Breugel, CTech (25 years); Gordon Hart, CTech (20 years); Gregg R. Sigethy, AScT (20 years); Richard Zepick, AScT (25 years); and, Mike Sazynski, AScT (SASTT President)

Above (L to R): Jack Danylchuk, AScT (35 years); Gordon Stankey, AScT (35 years); Dale Heshka, AScT (40 years); Barry Johnson, AScT (40 years); Gerry Swab, AScT (40 years); Maurice van Nes, AScT (40 years); Robert Burns, AScT (45 years); Robert Kardash, AScT (45 years); and, Mike Sazynski, AScT (SASTT President)
SASTT recognizes the attendance of some of its student members at the 51st Annual Banquet.

(L to R) Mike Sazynski, AScT, SASTT President; Kyle Loeffler, CAD/CAM Engineering Technology program; Uti Oghenekohwo, Telecommunications Networking Technician program; Melissa Alberts, Environmental Engineering Technology program; Jinhee Kang, Civil Engineering Technology program; Dhineshkumar Periyasamy, BioScience Technology program; Kara Pfeifer, Chemical Technology program; and Israel Soucy, Architectural Technologies (Building Sciences & Interior Design) program.

SASTT Student Awards Selection Criteria:

- Students having completed not less than 60% of the entire program. For a complete list of eligible programs, please visit the SASTT website;
- Good academic standing with some emphasis on the ability to apply theoretical knowledge demonstrated through good laboratory techniques and reports;
- Good attendance record and punctual as well as completion of required assignments;
- Participation in school activities such as sports, student affairs or student clubs;
- Good human relations shown by the ability to work well with others at the student and staff levels;
- Recipient shall not have previously received this award;
- Applicant must be an active student member of SASTT.

2016 Saskatchewan Polytechnic SASTT Scholarship Recipients

Architectural Technologies (Building Sciences & Interior Design): .......................Israel G. Soucy
BioScience Technology: ...........................................................................................Dhineshkumar Periyasamy
CAD/CAM Engineering Technology: ................................................................. Kyle M. Loeffler
Chemical Technology: ............................................................................................Kara B. Pfeifer
Civil Engineering Technology: ............................................................................... Jinhee Kang
Electronic Systems Engineering: ............................................................................. Jeff L. Prankev
Engineering Design & Drafting Technology: .......................................................... Teri J.A. Peterson
Environmental Engineering Technology: ................................................................. Melissa L. Alberts
Geomatics & Surveying Engineering Technology: ..................................................Udaydeep S. Bajwa
Instrumentation Engineering Technology: ............................................................... Justin D. Lefebvre
Mechanical Engineering Technology: ..................................................................... Arash Shadmani
Mining Engineering Technology: .......................................................................... Tayyab Ghorai
Telecommunications Networking Technician: ....................................................... Uti Oghenekohwo
Water Resources Engineering Technology: ............................................................ Dhruvika Patel
SASTT was thrilled to have 2 representatives from PCL Construction give a presentation of the New Mosaic Stadium at their 51st Annual Awards Banquet. Garth Tomlinson, GSC, & Mike Zurowski, Asct, GSC, LEED AP gave the audience a run-down of the New Mosaic Stadium, the progression of the build, along with many statistics comparing the current Stadium to the new. Here are a few highlights from their presentation as well as a table of comparisons between the current Stadium versus the new one:

- PCL awarded the project in May 2014
- Construction started in June 2014
- From 2010 to date, PCL has placed 151 Saskatchewan Polytechnic students on 4 month term work placements (39 of which were students taking Architectural Technology or Civil Engineering Technology programs)
- To date, more than 1,500,000 hours worked on site.

Thank you Garth & Mike!! GO RIDERS!!
SASTT Celebrates Membership Year Milestones

The following members are those who reached their milestone in 2016

15 Year Members

Scott W. Bahr, AScT
Shannon Batteries, AScT
Gregory J. Borrisko, AScT
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John R. Davidson, AScT
Aric A. Dodd, AScT
Bernie A. Eglisson, CTech
Jason L. Gerspacher, AScT
Don Gilmour, AScT
Rory M. Gin, AScT
Jonathan A. Grandel, Ctech
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Derrick J. Hobein, AScT
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Chad E. Idema, AScT
Lee Jabouef, AScT
James F. Kerr, AScT
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Jonathan E. Kroeker, AScT
Keith M. Lehme, AScT
Rod J. Lenuik, AScT
Russell J. Lepage, AScT
Kris J. Lohenski, AScT
Wyatt T. Meshka, AScT
Nykol J. Miller, AScT
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Paul D. Moroz, AScT
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Todd G. Nelson, AScT
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Kent H. Sauvart, Ctech
Elliott A.M. Tessmer, AScT
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Shirley A. Falstead, AScT
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John G. Hart, Ctech
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David Colquhoun, AScT

David was born in Nipawin, SK., and completed elementary school at a country school and high school in the town of Nipawin. He also attended the Moose Jaw Saskatchewan Technical Institute and graduated with a diploma in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 1965.

In 1969, David joined Douglas Person Daniels Fossey Consulting Engineers, which later became Saskmont Engineering Ltd. in Regina. David worked on preparation of drawings for the Boundary Dam Power Station addition and many other projects.

In 1972, he moved to Saskatoon with the same company and worked on many commercial projects including schools, offices, hospitals, and the Engineering building on campus.

In 1980, David resigned from Saskmont Engineering and joined in a partnership with John Daniels to form Daniels Engineering Ltd. This company was later changed to Daniels Wingerak Engineering Ltd. Some of the notable projects included Hospitals in Saskatoon, Children’s Hospital, various schools, and the University Chiller Plant additions. David retired in July of 2015.

David has been a member with Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians for over 35 years.

David and his wife Shirley have been married for 55 years. They have a son and daughter and 4 grandchildren who they immensely enjoy.

Congratulations David!
EMPLOYMENT GROWTH FOR ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS OUTPACES NATIONAL AVERAGE

Regina, SK (April 13, 2016) – Canada’s engineering and applied sciences technicians and technologists possess highly in-demand skills and make a significant contribution to the Canadian economy, according to a new study from The Conference Board of Canada.

The report, titled Assessing the Economic Contribution of Canada’s Engineering and Applied Sciences Technologists and Technicians, indicates that employment growth for this occupational group has strongly outpaced overall employment growth for Canada as a whole over the past 15 years and that their wages are more than 20 percent higher than the national average.

“During this period of economic challenges, the engineering and applied science technology sector has experienced tremendous growth nationally and provincially,” said Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians (SASTT) President Michael Szynski, AScT. “Not only is the work rewarding and versatile, the skills required continue to be in high demand throughout Canada and especially within Saskatchewan.”

In 2013-14, more than 400,000 Canadians were employed as engineering and applied science technicians and technologists, according to the report, which was commissioned by Technology Professionals Canada (TPC), an alliance of four Canadian technology professional associations including SASTT.

Creating an economic portrait of this diverse group, who are spread across every segment of the economy, required an examination of 21 occupational categories within the engineering and applied science technology sector. In quantifying their collective impact, the report revealed that the economic contribution of engineering and applied sciences technicians and technologists, according to the most recent Statistics Canada data, was worth $54.7 billion — 3.3 percent of the Canadian GDP — which is larger, proportionately speaking, than the share of technicians and technologists in the Canadian workforce.

“This information demonstrates the importance engineering and applied science technicians and technologists play in our economy. We are well positioned to meet the skills demands of the future,” said Szynski.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Employment growth for this occupational group has strongly outpaced overall employment growth for Canada as a whole over the past 15 years thanks, in part, to Canada’s move towards a knowledge economy.

- The average weekly wage rate of technologists and technicians has remained more than 20 per cent above the national average from 1997-98 to 2013-14.

- Many of the challenges facing the Canadian economy, such as growing global competition, the aging population, slower labour force growth and growing public spending on health care, point to the need for productivity gains. Efforts to increase and maintain a high productivity level would likely involve the participation of technical professionals, such as engineering and applied science technicians and technologists.

Canada’s engineering and applied sciences technicians and technologists contributed $54.7 billion to the economy in 2011 — 3.3 per cent of Canadian GDP.

The report, Assessing the Economic Contribution of Canada’s Engineering and Applied Science Technicians and Technologists, is funded and supported by Technology Professionals Canada (TPC). Read the full reports below:


About SASTT:
Representing approximately 2,500 members across the province, primarily engineering graduates from Saskatchewan Polytechnic, and internationally educated professionals, SASTT is the professional Association that promotes the interests of applied science / engineering technologists and technicians in industry, educational institutions, government, and the public. SASTT is Saskatchewan’s independent registration body for applied science / engineering technologists and technicians. Members hold one of the following professional designations: CTech (Certified Technician) or AScT (Applied Science Technologist).

About TPC:
Technology Professionals Canada (TPC) is an alliance of technology professional associations from four provinces which together represent approximately 85 percent of the profession in Canada: Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and Saskatchewan.

For more information about SASTT and its members, contact: Jaime Felits, A.Sc.T., SASTT CEO / Registrar, 306 721-6633 or info@sastt.ca

For more information about the report, please contact: Juline Ranger, Director of Communications, The Conference Board of Canada, 613 526-3090 Ext 431 or corpcomm@conferenceboard.ca.
TAC CONTINUES IT’S CALL FOR AUDITORS

Programs accredited by Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) will be evaluated by trained and skilled Auditors who have either industry or academic experience. TAC Auditors are usually registered professional members of the Provincial Professional Associations (PPAs) who volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that students of engineering technology and applied science programs receive a high-quality education which represents excellence in the profession and prepares them for productive and exciting careers.

These hard-working professionals audit the academic programs that apply for national accreditation against the TAC accreditation criteria, visit the campuses, conduct interviews, and consolidate all the information into a Final Audit Report and make the decision to accredit or not. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of the TAC accreditation process.

Auditors are primarily recruited through the Registrar’s office of a Provincial Professional Association (PPA). The candidate will then submit an up-to-date resume to the SASTT Registrar who will forward your resume to TAC who will then invite you to take the TAC online Auditor training course. The TAC auditor training course is recognized by the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC) as well as SASTT for continuing education units. A certificate, jointly signed by TAC and EIC, is given to the auditor on completion of the training.

If you are interested in becoming a TAC national accreditation Auditor, please contact SASTT at 306 721-6633 and ask to speak to the SASTT Registrar.

TAC HEADS INTO A NEW SEASON WITH FRESH DEVELOPMENTS

A change in seasons often yields fresh developments and Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) is no exception to the rule.

TAC Executive Director Sam DiGiandomenico retired in early June, having made a significant positive impact on the accrediting body’s advancement. Since his arrival at TAC in January 2015, the former OACETT registrar launched full operations, conducted outreach to educational institutions, and transitioned TAC to the use, and also review and improvement, of Canadian Technology Accreditation Criteria (CTAC) standards.

TAC Board President Peter Portlock said that “DiGiandomenico will be greatly missed and it won’t be easy to replace him”. At present time, the name of DiGiandomenico’s successor had not yet been announced.

Prior to DiGiandomenico’s retirement, work was wrapped up on several TAC site visits that took place in March and May. As well, 20 additional accreditations have been scheduled with more accreditation requests pending.

A revised CTAC standard which was six months in the making was made available for review until early June. The revised CTAC standard is expected to be published this summer.

The CTAC standard is specifically called the Technologist Program General Learning Outcomes Criteria (PGLOY) and is the result of the efforts of the CTAC Standards Development Committee which PGLOY was tasked with reviewing and improving it. The PGLOY CTAC standard provides the common set of minimum requirements that must be met by all TAC accredited engineering technology and applied science programs at post-secondary educational institutions.

TAC and the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology (CSCT) entered into an agreement whereby all new accreditations of Chemical technology programs would be conducted by TAC. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by both organizations on May 17, 2016.

Not only will TAC conduct all CSCT accreditations, it will expand its pool of auditors by recruiting and training qualified auditors from CSCT’s own membership. As well, a CSCT representative will participate in TAC’s all-important Standards Council. CTAC will be applied to CSCT accreditations as it is to all TAC accreditations.
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2016 Salary Survey Results

Results from the 2016 Salary Survey are now available for our members to view. You will need to login to your member profile to view the confidential survey results. Thank you to all our members who participated in this year’s salary survey!

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