



MEDIA RELEASE

May 12, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gala generates \$280,000 for student scholarships and bursaries

The Niagara College Foundation's 19th annual Seafood Gala, held April 11 at the Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort, has generated \$280,000 in support of scholarships and bursaries.

The event, which drew 600 guests, raised \$108,000, which will be matched by the provincial government's Ontario Trust for Student Support Program.

"The generosity of those who attend events like our Seafood Gala helps make a college education a reality for many who might not be otherwise able to pursue their dreams and ambitions," said Sean Kennedy, Niagara College's Vice President of Student and Community Relations, and CEO of the Niagara College Foundation.

The event featured a spectacular buffet, music and dancing, all in the name of charity. Led by Chairperson Rachel Delaney, a team of volunteers created a rich underwater theme and included live entertainment, a raffle, and live auction.

In 2007, more than 1,600 of Niagara College's 6,500 students received financial support, thanks in large measure to events like the Seafood Gala, which generate funds for student scholarships and bursaries.

-30-

For more information, contact:

Alison Burgoyne
Events Coordinator, Niagara College Foundation
(905) 735-2211 ext. 7551
aburgoyne@niagaracollege.ca