New Scholarships Unveiled

SUNY Canton is extremely grateful for two new scholarship endowments received in 2004. Scholarship gifts make an investment in the future of SUNY Canton and its students.

The Aaron J. Lasher Scholarship was established by Doris E. Lasher in loving memory of her husband as a fund to assist students in the electrical and computer engineering program. Mr. Lasher was a Mason and Shriner, volunteer firefighter, church trustee, and Town of Oswegatchie boards, and Scoutmaster.

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Students will also have access to a huge fleet of Polaris vehicles and specialized service equipment.