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## Media Access for Walking With Our Sisters Exhibit

**Tuesday, April 29, 2014 (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)** The Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre at Algoma University and its partner Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig are hosting the *Walking With Our Sisters* - Sault Ste. Marie installation of the acclaimed memorial from May 5-18, 2014 at Shingwauk Auditorium, Algoma University – main building, 1520 Queen Street East.

Prior to the public opening, there will be opportunity for media to learn more about and develop stories in relation to this much-anticipated exhibit.

*Walking With Our Sisters* is a commemorative art installation project that seeks to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. In Canada, according to recent research, this involves over 800 women and girls. A collaborative art piece, over 1,372 caring and concerned people created and donated 1,763 pairs of moccasin tops. Each pair of moccasin tops represents an Indigenous woman or girl who is missing or was murdered. Sometimes called “vamps,” “tongues,” or “uppers,” the tops of moccasins are intentionally not sewn into moccasins, and represent the unfinished lives of Indigenous missing and murdered women and girls. The project is currently booked to tour more than 30 locations across North America over the next six years, into the year 2019.

### **MEDIA: SPECIAL SESSION – May 4, 2014, noon – 2:00 pm**

Because neither photographs nor footage are permitted during or following the opening ceremony, media who would like to capture footage or take photographs of the installation are being invited to attend this special media session. It is suggested that if interviews cannot be arranged for this session, that media outlets come to capture ‘B’-roll and installation shots to be used in any subsequent media coverage. **Media must RSVP their attendance** by advising Jonathan Dewar or Krista McCracken in advance, **particularly if the above date and time cannot accommodate your interest.**

**WWOS OPENING CEREMONY:** Monday, May 5, 2014, 8:30 am, Shingwauk Auditorium, Algoma University – main building, 1520 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON. (No photos permitted at this event, or at the exhibit, which will be open from 10 am to 4 pm. Interviews can be arranged on site following the opening ceremony.) An Opening Day Feast will also be held at Sault College, 443 Northern Avenue, in the Enjii Maawnjiding room at 6 pm.

**For more information, or to schedule an interview or if you have other requests, please contact:** Jonathan Dewar, Director (jonathan.dewar@algomau.ca / 705-941-1494 cell), or Krista McCracken, Research & Curator (705-949-2301 x 4623).