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Sandra Lawn (left) receives her honorary diploma from St. Lawrence College board of governor's representative Bob Snelgrove at the school's Brockville campus convocation held on May 29, 2009. Photo by Amanda Smith

College honours Sandra Lawn

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BROCKVILLE - Sandra Lawn can now call herself a St. Lawrence College graduate. The former Prescott mayor received an Honorary Diploma at the college's Brockville campus convocation held at the Centennial Road Standard Church on Friday. Lawn was happy to be presented with the honorary diploma. ³I'm proud to be an honorary graduate of such a significant place with a significant vision,² she told the audience.

Lawn had optimism that this year's graduating class would be able to succeed in these hard times.

³The motto here is first you dream it, then you live it,² Lawn said. ³The dreaming part is easy. Living it is hard in these times, but there is great hope in this room.²

Lawn paid tribute to the graduates for having such a strong desire to further their education. ³We continue to learn and we are learning our way out to our future,² said Lawn.

She gave credit to the graduates as being able to understand the needs of others.³You are able to look at people and understand what they are thinking,² said Lawn. ³There was a saying on my father's fridge I remember. It said: Too soon old, too late smart. We need to continue to learn.²

Lawn was mayor of Prescott from late 1976 to 1991. She continues to contribute her time and energy in various community programs such as the South Grenville Economic Development Commission, Eastern Ontario Model Forest and Charrette for Children.

Lawn has taught nursing and business programs part-time at St. Lawrence College throughout the last 20 years. She graduated from Queen's University with a bachelor's degree in science and master's in public administration.