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MacEwan University celebrates 50 years as a vital part of the Edmonton community

Edmonton – MacEwan University is marking 50 years and inviting students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community to celebrate its history, its people and its future.

“Over the past five decades, MacEwan has evolved,” says Dr. Annette Trimbee, president and vice-chancellor, in a video kicking off the university’s 50th anniversary celebrations. “We’ve grown from our roots as a community college into an exceptional undergraduate university embedded in the core of Edmonton’s Ward, O-day’min – the heart through which the North Saskatchewan River runs.”

Since Grant MacEwan Community College was founded in 1971, the now-university has had four different names, offered dozens of programs, graduated 80,000 alumni, and called close to 20 different teaching and administrative sites home.

Fifty key moments from the university’s history are highlighted in a [digital timeline](#) launched today as part of a [new website](#) that will showcase stories, events and initiatives celebrating MacEwan’s 50th anniversary.

Several initiatives are also being planned to mark the significant milestone over the coming months, from opening and sealing time capsules to building photo mosaics and hosting anniversary-focused events when it is safe to do so. The university will also launch an ambitious 10-year strategic vision and directions, creating a strong foundation for MacEwan’s next 50 years.

“We’re just getting started,” says Dr. Trimbee. “And I hope you’ll join us throughout the year, sharing your stories, connecting with us and celebrating our MacEwan community.”

Share your MacEwan stories from the past 50 years, learn more about our history and watch for anniversary-related activities at [MacEwan.ca/50](https://macewan.ca/50).

For more information, please contact communications@macewan.ca

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.