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MacEwan University welcomes new Allard Chair in Business

MacEwan University is happy to announce that Cameron Naqvi, president of Cameron Corporation, has been appointed as the university's 35th Allard Chair in Business. The Allard Chair initiative brings outstanding business leaders into MacEwan classrooms to inspire and ignite passion for careers in business.

Individuals selected for the Allard Chair are distinguished business and community leaders who possess exemplary business acumen, demonstrate remarkable leadership skills and have made significant contributions to the community. Past luminaries include Bill Comrie, Simon O'Byrne, Teresa Spinelli, Irv Kipnes and Naseem Bashir.

"I'm so pleased to welcome Cameron Naqvi as MacEwan's 35th Allard Chair," says Dr. Annette Trimbee, president and vice-chancellor. "An esteemed member of the business community, Cameron's work as an urban and commercial developer brings a significant local perspective and strengthens our connection as Edmonton's downtown university."

"Cameron is a perfect fit as our 35th Allard Chair in Business for many reasons," says Dr. Craig Kuziemsky, interim dean of the School of Business. "MacEwan prides itself on being a place that is built on relationships that are developed through engagement with people and communities. In his role as president of Cameron Corporation, Cameron has been instrumental in helping build many of the communities around Edmonton."

Naqvi graduated with a bachelor of science degree in construction engineering from Arizona State University and a construction engineering diploma from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT). He began his career in the U.S. as a real estate representative for Safeway. Upon his return to Canada in 1999, he joined Cameron Corporation where he held various leadership roles until becoming president in the summer of 2018.

Naqvi has and continues to be involved in several industry-related boards and committees, and holds the Institute of Corporate Directors, Director (ICD. D) designation. He is an active member of the Urban Development Institute, the International Council of Shopping Centres, Entrepreneurs Organization and YPO (Young Presidents' Organization). He currently serves on the Board of Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Edmonton, the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y), Al-Baqir Academy School and the Canadian Mental Health Association Housing Committee.

Naqvi has been married for over 20 years and has four sons who keep him active.

He will be formally introduced as the incoming chair at an event on February 10. The online presentation will feature an unveiling of the newly renovated Allard Chair in Business Honour Wall, which celebrates the past 34 Allard Chairs and their contributions to MacEwan's history.

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.