

Monday, June 19, 2023

## **MacEwan University set for convocation ceremonies**

*National Indigenous Peoples Day to be celebrated with special performances Wednesday*

**Edmonton** – MacEwan University will award credentials to almost 2,200 individuals who will graduate from its degree, certificate and diploma programs following the Spring Term. The achievements of graduates will be celebrated during six ceremonies at Edmonton's Winspear Centre from June 20 to 22.

"Fulfilling the requirements of your program says something very powerful about your character," said Dr. Anthony Fields, chancellor. "It takes resourcefulness, commitment and a willingness to work through many challenges that I'm sure have presented themselves along the way. Having successfully navigated each of those things leaves you in good stead to face the challenges – and take advantage of the opportunities – that are sure to be ahead of you."

MacEwan has a well-earned reputation for exceptional undergraduate learning and is a place that prepares graduates who are versatile and ready to take their place in an ever-evolving workforce. More than 85,000 MacEwan alumni have gone on to contribute to the economic and social fabric of Alberta and they are involved in their communities whether they live here at home or anywhere else in the world.

"Convocation is a moment to reflect on your many successes, hard work and the incredible growth you have experienced over your time in university," said Dr. Annette Trimbee, president and vice-chancellor in her message to graduates. "The skills and knowledge you have gained in your program will serve you well into the future, as will the less tangible qualities we know you have nurtured during your time with us – empathy, leadership and creativity."

Métis advocate Lorne Gladu, also a MacEwan graduate and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, will receive an honorary doctorate from the university during the Wednesday morning ceremony. Distinguished Research Award recipient, Dr. Kevin Judge, and recipients of the university's Distinguished Alumni Award will also address graduates.

MacEwan will mark National Indigenous Peoples Day on Wednesday with a special performance from Indigenous artists. Simone Desjarlais, Martina Desjarlais and Adrian Cross will perform during the morning ceremony, and a special performance by Nîpisiy is scheduled for the afternoon ceremony.

All ceremonies will include performances by the MacEwan University Big Band, an Indigenous performance from Brianna Lizotte accompanied by Justin Smith and an honour song from Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Daphne Alexis, Arnold Alexis and Little Boy Singers.

### **Tuesday, June 20, 9:30 a.m.**

Faculty of Arts and Science

Address to graduates from Dr. Kevin Judge, Distinguished Research Award recipient

### **Tuesday, June 20, 2:30 p.m.**

Faculty of Health and Community Studies

Address to graduates from Adine Shuchuk, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient

**Wednesday, June 21, 9:30 a.m.**

Faculty of Nursing

Address to graduates from Lorne Gladu, Honorary Doctorate Recipient

**Wednesday, June 21, 2:30 p.m.**

Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications

Address to graduates from Dave Babcock, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient

**Thursday, June 22, 9:30 a.m.**

School of Business - Bachelor of Commerce

Address to graduates from Travis Switzer, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient

**Thursday, June 22, 2:30 p.m.**

School of Business - diploma and certificate programs

School of Continuing Education

Address to graduates from Travis Switzer, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient

More information about Lorne Gladu, the 2023 MacEwan honorary doctorate recipient, can be found here:

[Métis advocate to receive MacEwan University honorary doctorate - MacEwan University](#)

More information about the 2023 MacEwan Distinguished Alumni Award recipients and Emerging Leader Award winner can be found here:

[Announcing the 2023 Alumni Award recipients - MacEwan University](#)

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