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First Chancellor Speaker Series at MacEwan University to feature Dr. Jane Philpott

The Chancellor Speaker Series has been launched to produce thoughtful and meaningful discussions on important issues and to cement MacEwan University's place in thought leadership.

Edmonton - MacEwan University is launching the Chancellor Speaker Series, with the first event coming up on April 4. This will profile the storied career of current Chancellor Dr. Anthony Fields as well as help promote and advance MacEwan's place as a leading post-secondary institution.

The series will run semi-annually. Each event will feature an expert bringing their knowledge and point of view to support the sitting chancellor's professional expertise and MacEwan's strategic vision, [Teaching Greatness](#).

"Education must be adaptable to society's growing needs," says Dr. Fields. "The Chancellor Speaker Series was created with the mindset that positive change begins with dialogue, conversation and open minds."

For the inaugural speaker series event, Dr. Fields chose Dr. Jane Philpott, dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, Queen's University.

"Dr. Philpott's exceptional career and expertise in Canadian healthcare made her a clear choice for our first speaker," says Dr. Fields. "I believe her experience and insight will provide the basis for meaningful discussion and action going forward."

Dr. Philpott is also the director of the School of Medicine at Queen's University, CEO of the Southeastern Ontario Academic Medical Organization, a professor of family medicine, a medical doctor and a former Member of Parliament.

"It's a great honour to be chosen as the first speaker for the Chancellor Speaker Series. I have had the opportunity to interact with the chancellor because he's been involved with the Canadian cancer trials group, and he's an exceptional person for whom I have a great deal of respect," says Dr. Philpott.

She will be speaking about the future of health-care workers, and the role that post-secondary institutions play in that future. "Health care is in a bit of a crisis state across the country – and even around the world – after three years of a pandemic. This is a time where we need to do things differently. And I think that universities have an incredible opportunity to be transformative," says Dr. Philpott.

Audience members are encouraged to bring any questions they may have about the topic, as the lecture will be followed by a Q&A session.

Dr. Philpott says her aim is to ensure that attendees leave knowing that the status quo isn't working, and to be inspired to enact change where needed. "I hope people will walk away thinking about some new ideas and how they can move them forward."

Media are invited to attend:

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Paul Byrne Hall

Room 9-100, Robbins Health Learning Centre

10910 - 104 Avenue

To read event details or purchase tickets, head to [MacEwan.ca/Chancellor](https://macewan.ca/Chancellor).

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