

Friday, April 26, 2024

## **MacEwan University celebrates Indigenous graduates at inaugural gala**

**Edmonton** - A night of celebration, delicious food, inspiring speeches and a special musical guest will celebrate the latest class of Indigenous graduates at MacEwan University.

For several years, MacEwan's kihêw waciston Indigenous Centre has held informal events to mark the end of the school year and congratulate Indigenous graduates but this will be the first celebration of its kind.

MacEwan's official Spring Convocation ceremonies will be held in June, but this celebration for Indigenous students is very important, according to Terri Cardinal, associate vice-president, Indigenous Initiatives and Engagement.

"Many Indigenous students make their way back to their home communities at the end of term and aren't able to return for the ceremonies in June," she says. "We are so incredibly proud of our Indigenous students' hard work and dedication, and want to make sure to come together as a community to celebrate them."

At this year's inaugural gala, Founder and CEO of [Indigenous Box](#), Mallory Yawnghe (Bachelor of Commerce '18), will give the keynote speech. Yawnghe was recently announced as one of MacEwan's 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients.

Gala attendees will also be treated to a performance by R&B singer Tia Wood, a musician and Indigenous advocate who is Plains Cree/Coast Salish from Saddle Lake FN.

Media are invited to attend:

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**5 - 9 p.m.**

**SAMU Lookout Space**

**2nd floor, SAMU Building**

**MacEwan University**

**10850 104 Avenue NW**

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*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.*