

Thursday, June 15, 2023

MacEwan University joins the Edmonton Riverhawks at the ballpark to celebrate Pride

Edmonton – Building upon our support of Pride events during the month of June, MacEwan University is proud to sponsor the Edmonton Riverhawks' *Pride Night: Strike Out Hate* event on Saturday, June 17.

A portion of tickets sold at the MacEwan Bookstore and Pride jersey sales will be donated towards the *Change in Action* campaign, which supports MacEwan's <u>Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity</u> (<u>CSGD</u>).

"I'm very excited that we can all come together, enjoy a ballgame and celebrate Pride," says Jessica Scalzo, program coordinator for the CSGD. "Events like this are very important as they send the message loud and clear that everyone is welcome and can just be themselves anywhere. MacEwan and the Riverhawks are important in Edmonton and I am proud they are both champions and allies of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community."

Saturday's game will feature drag performers, giveaways and a silent auction of special Pride jerseys worn by the players where the proceeds will benefit both the CSGD and <u>Pride Tape</u>, an Edmonton-based initiative to promote inclusivity through the sale of rainbow-coloured athletic tape. The CSGD will also have a booth set up in the concourse where everyone can drop by and find out more about the work happening at the centre.

"This is going to be a fun and important night working towards creating a more inclusive and welcoming sports community within Edmonton, a key element of our team's overall mandate," says Steve Hogle, general manager of the Riverhawks. "RE/MAX Field is open to all who want to come out to celebrate with us. We are happy to be partners with MacEwan and the CSGD for this fantastic event."

Pride Night: Strike Out Hate

Nanaimo Nightowls vs. Edmonton Riverhawks

Saturday, June 17, 2023

7 p.m.

RE/MAX Field

10233 96 Avenue

Tickets are available online from the <u>Edmonton Riverhawks</u> or can be purchased at the <u>MacEwan</u> <u>Bookstore</u>.

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