

March 2, 2020

PHOTO CALL: Campus-Wide March to Celebrate MacEwan's Pride Week

MacEwan's annual Pride Week, March 2-6, 2020, kicks off on Monday with a Pride Parade featuring students, staff, faculty, and community members marching across campus to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and human rights. The year's theme, Intersections of Pride celebrates the diversity that exists within the LGBTQ2S+ community.

"This year we want to provide a forum for the MacEwan community to explore the multiple and intersecting aspects of identity and how they shape our experience of community, safety, and belonging," says Dr. Kristopher Wells, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair. "As a university we are dedicated to building a welcoming and inclusive environment that not only recognizes, but celebrates diversity and the LGBTQ2S+ community. Pride Week represents an important opportunity to dialogue and to come together as a community to celebrate our differences as strengths."

Pride Parade - Monday, March 2, 12pm

11050 - 104 Ave.

Meet at MacEwan Residence and march through City Centre Campus.

Interviews with students and organizers available on site.

Activities throughout the week include discussions with an Elder on Two-Spirit teachings, A National Film Board Film Screening, Human Library, and a panel examining the health care experiences of LGBTQ2S+ Albertans. The week wraps up with the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose drag show.

The ATB building will be lit up from March 2 to 6 and the City of Edmonton will light up the High Level Bridge on March 6 in support and recognition of MacEwan's Pride Week.

Indigenous Two Spirit Teachings - Monday, March 2, 4 - 6 p.m.

Elder Leonard Saddleback of Samson Cree Nation will lead discussion of Two Spirit teachings.

Human Library - Tuesday, March 3, 11 - 2 p.m.

Hear the stories of alumni and community members who have overcome adversity and have pride in their diverse identities.

Five@50: A National Film Board Screening and Discussion - Tuesday, March 3, 7 - 8 p.m.

Experience five personal stories of victories, losses and empowerment followed by a talk back discussion with audience members.

LGBTQ2S+ Health in Alberta: Issues, Challenges and Hope - Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Engage in panel discussion on building an inclusive, accessible and supportive health care system.

<u>**Drag Show</u>** - Thursday, March 5, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Featuring members of The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose.</u>

For a full listing of all the events, please visit the **Pride homepage**

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