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Proudly waving the flag: MacEwan University celebrates Pride Week

Edmonton – MacEwan University’s students, faculty and staff will celebrate the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community during Pride Week, March 12 - 17.

“Pride Week is a celebration the diversity of our students, faculty and staff,” said Deborah Saucier, president, MacEwan University. “The activities are both fun and educational, especially for those individuals who are struggling to deal with issues they may feel no one else understands.”

MacEwan’s Pride Week activities range from an opening-day Pride March to discussions about relationships and healthy lifestyles to the outrageous camp and glamour of drag performers:

- The pride march starts in building five at the east end of City Centre Campus and makes its way through the campus to wrap up at MacEwan’s student residence for a celebration. *March 12, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.*
- keynote speaker Ivan Coyote grapples with the complex and intensely personal issues of gender identity as well as topics such as family, class, social justice and queer liberation—but always with a generous heart, and a quick wit. Coyote is the author of eleven books and has produced four short films, six live shows and three albums. The *Globe and Mail* says Coyote is a “natural-born storyteller” and the *Ottawa Xpress* said that “Coyote is to Canadian literature what kd lang is to country music: a beautifully odd fixture.” *March 14, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*
- Back this year, by popular demand are Edmonton’s finest drag performers, the Kings and Queens of the glamorous Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose performing in a show hosted by comic Nadine Hunt. The hilarity of this show will leave you in stitches. Simply pay what you can at the door: all the proceeds will go to the Elizabeth Fry Society and the Pride Centre of Edmonton. *March 15, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.*
- The Community Resource Fair will showcase a variety of resources and organizations dedicated to supporting the LGBTQ+ community. *March 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

For more information and a complete list of activities and events, please go to:

MacEwanEvents/PrideWeek

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where 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.

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