

## NEWS RELEASE

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## Move-in Day at the Student Residence: students set to start fall term

Edmonton – It's always an exciting and emotional day as almost 900 students move into the MacEwan University Student Residence to begin their academic year.

"Despite the excitement, this can be a challenging time for some of our students," said Wendy Brost, senior manager, Residence Services. "Many of them are beginning their first year at university. That is hard enough, but to complicate matters, it will be the first time living away from home for most of them."

"We want to make the move-in process as smooth as possible for students and their parents, so we have a lot of volunteers on hand to help students navigate through the move-in and to answer their questions," says Brost.

"Move-in day is just the start," Brost said. "The first few weeks of the term are so important in making them aware of the many support services the residence and the university have in place to help make their transition as seamless as possible."

One of the most important supports, says Brost, is the resident assistant program. "Each year we hire 24 residence assistants (RAs), who live in the residence. They support and help students find their way on campus and connect to the larger MacEwan community," added Brost. "RAs plan over 200 events per year, with a focus on academic, social, well-being and community service. We also have two professional live-in staff members who support the RAs and are on call 24 hours a day to help support the students."

"Our mission is to be a safe, positive space where students can succeed," she said. "We believe in creating a supportive community that can help our residents see their potential, have fun and build life skills they can carry with them into the future."

MacEwan University's student residence offers several options for students, including one bedroom, two bedroom and quad units. For more information, please go to <u>MacEwan Residence</u>.

When: Monday, August 26

Where: MacEwan University Student Residence (11105-104 Avenue)

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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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