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Renowned Alberta oncologist and visionary leader in cancer care will serve as MacEwan University's first chancellor



CAPTION: Dr. Anthony (Tony) Fields will be MacEwan University's first chancellor.

Edmonton, Alberta – The MacEwan University Board of Governors has elected Dr. Anthony (Tony) Fields to be installed as its first ever chancellor, marking an important milestone in the university's history and its role as an undergraduate university.

"I am incredibly honored to be MacEwan University's first chancellor and a part of its bright new future," says Dr. Fields. "It is easy to look at the world and wring our hands about the present or worry about the future, but I think it is important to remember that positive change is something we must choose and work for – that we can will a different kind of future if we work together to achieve it."

As chancellor, Dr. Fields will be the university's ceremonial head and work closely with leadership to build connections and relationships that increase the institution's profile and contribute to realizing its vision.

"Considering Dr. Fields's career and accomplishments – including the impact he has had on the lives of people with cancer, their families and their caregivers, along with the generations of students he has taught – his life's work is an impressive blend of excellence and compassion," says MacEwan president and vice-chancellor Dr. Annette Trimbee. "And Dr. Fields's approach aligns perfectly with the future we envision for our university. Now, more than ever, our city, our province and our country need the hope and optimism we know that Dr. Fields will bring to this new role at MacEwan."

Dr. Fields is also one of the university's inaugural honorary doctorate recipients in recognition of his contributions in medicine where he has affected positive change in ways that extend far beyond his own specialty in gastrointestinal cancers. His immense achievements – as a physician, a leader, a teacher and researcher – have shaped the Alberta cancer system, championing a provincial cancer program that encompasses cancer care, integrates research, and takes a coordinated approach to prevention and screening.

“During my time as director of the Cross Cancer Institute and vice-president of the Alberta Cancer Board, we wanted to be known around the world for scientific excellence, but to be known in our community for the care we provided to our people,” says Dr. Fields. “I think the same holds true for MacEwan – that the key to this university's future success involves achieving academic excellence in a way that remembers that education is all about people and approaches that future with humanity and compassion.”

Watch Dr. Field's honorary doctorate pre-recorded ceremony [here](#).

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Bio Dr. Anthony Fields

Born and raised in Barbados, Dr. Fields emigrated to Canada after studying natural sciences at the University of Cambridge. He graduated from the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine in 1974 and completed his postgraduate training in internal medicine and medical oncology at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Fields has had a long and distinguished career in medicine as a physician, teacher, researcher and administrator. Most recently, he was a professor of oncology at the University of Alberta and vice-president of cancer care for Alberta Health Services before retiring in 2011.

While the impact of Dr. Fields's work extends beyond the province, across the country and around the world, he has always been committed to supporting care where people live. During his tenure with the Cross Cancer Institute, the Alberta Cancer Board and later Alberta Health Services, he led the development of the Community Cancer Network, enabling patients to receive chemotherapy treatment closer to home through a network of 11 community cancer centres.

Over the years, Dr. Fields has held many provincial and national voluntary and professional roles and has been recognized with several awards for his extensive work. In Alberta's centennial year, he was named one of Alberta's 100 Physicians of the Century, and in 2012, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

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