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ANDREA ENGEL HONOURED AS A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Edmonton—Grant MacEwan University is proud to recognize Andrea Engel who graduated from the Journalism diploma program as a Distinguished Alumni.

Andrea Engel has spent nearly 20 years in the radio and television business – most recently anchoring Global Edmonton’s Morning News – but she will soon be taking her career in another direction. Ms. Engel is currently studying to obtain her Real Estate Associate License and will be making residential real estate her next professional venture.

She also recently joined the Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County as a Media Advisor – working to help raise the media profile of the organization.

A wife, and busy mom of two young children, Andrea considers her free time precious, but still makes time to volunteer for causes close to her heart. Andrea says she feels privileged to walk with one foot in two worlds – one in the “regular” parenting world, the other in the world as a parent of a special needs child. She has translated her experiences raising an autistic child into a passion for raising public awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

She also enjoys helping to promote causes that focus on youth and literacy. In the past, Andrea has donated her time as a library volunteer to help children with English as a second language. Most recently, she emceed the Strathcona County Library’s annual “Leatherbound” fundraiser. She has also shared her love of literacy through “Read-In” week in Edmonton elementary schools and “Linking Generations”, which pairs senior citizens and junior-high aged students.

In fall 2007, Andrea received the Consumers’ Choice Award for “Woman of the Year”.

The Distinguished Alumni Award
The Distinguished Alumni Award is another of the MacEwan’s highly regarded awards. Presented to graduates, the Distinguished Alumni Award is granted to individuals who exhibit outstanding achievements or make significant contributions in one or more of the following areas: service to the community, business, the arts, human development, the environment, lifelong learning, post-secondary education, and/or government.

Engel will receive her award during the 7:00 p.m. Convocation ceremony on Thursday, June 17 at the Winspear Centre.

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