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Eric Magdanz back in familiar maroon colour named MacEwan University Griffins basketball coach

EDMONTON, AB (August 2, 2012) – MacEwan University and MacEwan University Griffins are proud to announce the hiring of Eric Magdanz as head coach of the men’s basketball program. “Eric’s academic credentials and his overall development as a coach support his inclusion as a member of the Griffins family. His strong values are the backbone of his leadership style and he possesses a tremendous work ethic that will be instilled in his players,” said Director of Athletics Ken Schildroth. “His McMaster and University of Alberta roots will also position us well for the future development of the Griffins program.”

Magdanz began his coaching career as an assistant coach at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario where he wore the Marauders maroon during his four year playing career for the accomplished head coach Joe Raso. Eric was also a former assistant and interim head coach with the University of Alberta, and a key member of the Bears 2011-12 Canada West Universities Athletic Association championship winning staff that went on to finish the season with a Canadian Interuniversity Sport silver medal.

Demonstrating his value of education, Madganz was a two-time Academic All-Canadian at McMaster where he graduated with a Bachelor of Kinesiology and will complete his master’s degree in athlete health and coaching in the spring of 2013. Eric also boasts a strong background in strength and conditioning, working as a coordinator for both the men’s and women’s basketball teams at the University of Alberta.

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