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President, Northern Lakes College recognized as a Distinguished Alumni

Edmonton--Since graduating from the Audiovisual Technician program in 1976, Richard Neidig has experienced substantial personal and professional growth. After graduation, Richard worked as an audiovisual technician at Northern Lakes College. He completed a Bachelor of Education and an MBA in executive management, kickstarting his progression through the college to become its president in 2005.

Richard’s passion for keeping people informed and connected feeds into his role in lobbying for the creation of Alberta’s SuperNet, a high-speed Internet for rural communities. SuperNet has been integral in the facilitation of Northern Lakes College’s course delivery to the 30 widely dispersed communities of the college’s service region. SuperNet has also benefited northern Alberta school jurisdictions, businesses and industries.

In his role as president during the Slave Lake fires in May 2011, Richard offered up use of the college’s Slave Lake campus to serve as a crisis command centre for emergency services, and offered the other campuses as temporary housing for displaced Slave Lake residents. He deployed considerable college resources and personnel to assist with the emergency, and chaired daily meetings with emergency and college personnel who were working to address a wide range of needs.

Richard will be recognized as a Distinguished Alumni at the Spring Convocation:

When: Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m
Where: Winspear Centre

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University is proudly celebrating its 40th anniversary. As a comprehensive university, MacEwan offers more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training. Its philosophy of inspiring minds, providing career opportunities and opening the doors to academic excellence, continues to be its guide as it serves the educational needs of students across Alberta, Canada and the world.

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