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MACEWAN OPENS STATE-OF-THE-ART ROBBINS HEALTH LEARNING CENTRE

Edmonton—On September 4, students at MacEwan will begin classes in the new Robbins Health Learning Centre. Located at the corner of 109 Street and 104 Avenue, the Robbins Centre will accommodate an additional 2000 students and will provide continuing education opportunities for Alberta’s 25,000 practicing nurses.

“The state-of-the-art facility is both aesthetically beautiful and functionally sound,” said Dr. Paul Byrne, President & CEO of MacEwan. “The design strives to create memorable places and opportunities for people to connect through cozy intimate pockets placed within the building, to grand gathering spaces.”

Sharon Bookhalter, Dean, Health and Community Studies, anticipates the significant impact the Robbins Centre will have on the college, the City and the province as a whole. “Many of the features incorporated in the new facility will be in demand by other learning institutions and in many ways they will set the benchmark for future developments,” said Bookhalter.

Drawing from extensive healthcare experience, the architects designed the Robbins Centre to emulate a teaching hospital. Procedure rooms, patient care units, along with classrooms and simulation labs have been created to ensure maximum efficiency.

Supporting MacEwan’s sustainable environmental stewardship, the Robbins Centre has been designed to meet LEED® Silver Certification. Highlights of the building’s sustainable design strategies include:

- Collection of storm water for use in washrooms and irrigation.
- Diverting over 75% of construction waste from landfills.
- Alternative transportation is promoted through the provision of secure bicycle stalls, immediate access to public transit and a carpooling program.
- 34% energy savings in comparison to a standard building its size.

The Robbins Centre will reinforce Edmonton as a major centre for health care learning and scholarly activity, enhance the architectural beautification of the city, and provide an economic stimulant to the downtown.

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