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Broadcasting legend awarded Medal of Excellence

Edmonton – Roger Charest, an influential force in the development of the Canadian broadcasting industry has been awarded the MacEwan University Medal of Excellence.

Charest is being recognized for his role as a legend in Canadian broadcasting. His exemplary model of community development and leadership fosters awareness of the possibilities provided by broadcast media in developing understanding and cooperation between cultural groups in Canadian society.

Charest began his broadcasting career in his final year of high school when he accepted a position at the CBC in Fort Smith, N.W.T. He spent over 15 years at the CBC and then established the first radio service in Fort McMurray. Over a 30-year period, he and his business partner Stu Morton established ten successful radio stations in Alberta and British Columbia, helping to connect smaller communities that prior to their involvement did not have community radio stations.

In 1980, he helped launch CKER, Edmonton’s only multilingual radio station, reflecting the growing local municipal landscape, and was one of his most significant contributions to Canadian broadcasting.

Charest is now retired and living in Buffalo Lake, Alberta with his wife Linda.

Charest will receive the Medal of Excellence during the spring convocation ceremonies.

When: Tuesday, June 20
Where: Francis Winspear Centre
Time: During the 3:00 ceremony

The Medal of Excellence is presented to individuals from the community outside the university. MacEwan University recognizes outstanding contributions and achievements by individuals from many fields and sectors—academic, social, economic, cultural, artistic and political—at the local, national or international levels.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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