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Food for thought

Edmonton – Edmontonians are in the thick of barbeque season, and MacEwan University’s incoming president, Dr. Deborah Saucier, is ready to join them. On July 14, her first full day on campus, the university’s fifth president will host a barbeque for faculty, staff and students.

“I’m so excited to be joining such a committed and caring university,” says Saucier. “Every time I’ve visited the campus I’ve been impressed with the energetic, friendly nature of all the students, faculty and staff.”

While things on campus appear to be quiet, Saucier knows looks can be deceiving. “It’s actually one of the most intense times of the year,” added Saucier. “Everyone is getting ready for the fall—preparing for the students to return in full force, planning courses and doing research.”

While she officially assumed her position on July 1, she has been readying herself for her new role by attending a prestigious two-week leadership seminar at Harvard University.

While her new job is a top priority, Saucier will also spend the summer settling herself and her family into their new life in Edmonton.

“Outside of settling into my job, summer for me, this year, will involve a couple other things,” she says. “First and foremost, I have a nine-year-old daughter that we need to get ready for school—she’s going into grade four. My family and I will also be orienting ourselves in Edmonton, and we’re looking forward to attending some of the many festivals during the summer, my daughter is especially looking forward to K-Days.”

Saucier says she’s excited to be returning to Alberta. Before joining the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in 2011, she was the chair of the Department of Neuroscience at the University of Lethbridge and a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in behavioural neuroscience, with a specialty in spatial cognition.

When: Friday, July 14
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Where: 107 Street entrance (Clock Tower), MacEwan University, 100700-104 Avenue, Edmonton.

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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