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Myrna Khan appointed as MacEwan University’s first vice-president, University Relations.

Edmonton – MacEwan University has appointed Myrna Khan as the institution’s first vice-president, University Relations.

A community leader and relationship builder, Khan brings 25 years’ experience in stakeholder engagement, external relations, corporate sustainability, strategic planning and change management to the position. An early leader in corporate sustainability, she spent more than a decade providing guidance on community relations and stakeholder engagement to some of Canada’s largest companies.

This newly created position includes responsibility for the strategic leadership and management of the university’s government and community relations, alumni and development, and sustainability functions.

“We’re looking forward to the leadership and vision that Myrna will bring to this new position,” said Deborah Saucier, MacEwan’s president. “Her role will be key to supporting the university’s strategic priorities, including answering the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action and defining what it means to be Edmonton’s downtown university.”

In her previous role as vice-president, Resource Development at the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, Khan realigned and led the United Way team to one of the organization’s most successful fundraising achievements to date: $75 million over three years.

Since 2016, Khan has been at the City of Edmonton as the head of External Relations, the first municipal external relations function in Canada. She was charged with building and leading a team responsible for stewarding and strengthening the city’s relationships with business, post-secondary institutions, government and non-profit organizations.

“I am honoured to have the opportunity to serve MacEwan University, an extraordinary institution. In these times, inclusion, access to knowledge and a collaborative spirit are more important than ever,” says Khan. “MacEwan is uniquely positioned to be that kind of leader in Edmonton, in Canada and around the world. I look forward to working with President Saucier, my fellow administrators and the entire MacEwan community in amplifying our advancement, external relations and sustainability efforts.”

Ms. Khan will assume her role at MacEwan University on September 1, 2018.

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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