MacEwan University names Heather’s Garden in honour of Heather MacEwan Foran

Edmonton – The Board of Governors at MacEwan University is pleased to announce that the gardens located on the east end of MacEwan’s City Centre Campus along 105 street, will be known as “Heather’s Garden,” in honour and memory of Heather MacEwan Foran, daughter of the Honourable Dr. J.W. Grant MacEwan.

Heather passed away on May 18, 2017 after a three-year battle with cancer. Her affiliation and relationship with the institution started in 1971 when it was named after her father. Since Dr. MacEwan’s passing in June 2000, Heather continued to foster the special relationship between the institution and her family.

"The university has a 46-year history with the MacEwan family," said Dr. Deborah Saucier, MacEwan University’s president. “What began with Dr. Grant MacEwan was carried forward by his daughter Heather, who shared her father’s profound belief in nature and the importance of being a steward of the environment. The university is richer for that relationship.”

Heather MacEwan Foran frequently attended special occasions at the university, especially those that allowed her to connect with students, faculty and staff. Like her father before her, Heather—a resident of Calgary—travelled by bus, and most often stayed in MacEwan’s residence when visiting Edmonton. Her last visit to campus was in May 2014 when she attended MacEwan Day, the university’s annual celebration of its namesake and staff achievements.

“Heather loved her annual visit to MacEwan University where she met and interacted with people who cared about the things she valued,” said Max Foran, Heather’s husband. “Our family is delighted about the idea of Heather’s Garden as an ongoing testament to her bond with nature, and with the institution that she cared so much about.”

MacEwan University will pay tribute to Heather at a gathering to officially name the garden in her honour.

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2017
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: MacEwan University, East Patio, Building 5, 105 Street and 104 Avenue

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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