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Bachelor of Commerce graduate sees the world through a different lens

Edmonton – This year’s convocation ceremony will feel like déjà vu for Shad Tebay. She graduated from MacEwan with a Management Studies diploma in 2006 and immediately entered the workforce. But she soon discovered she wasn’t finding the kind of happiness and value in her work that she wanted. All that changed with the birth of her son.

“The experience of caring for him reminded me how important it is for everyone to practice environmental sustainability and make ethical choices in all aspects of our lives,” she says. “In my life, I try to make conscious and ethical choices, whether it’s where I buy my coffee or the cleaning products I use at home.”

She knew she had to do more so. So, she decided to return to MacEwan to earn her Bachelor of Commerce and eventually find work engaging people to make positive impacts on the world.

The next step for Tebay was to join the MacEwan chapter of the Oikos International Club that encourages students to get into sustainable business practices. In short time, she became the brand ambassador for Oikos and was soon organizing community events for the group.

Her organizational skills earned her a spot on the university’s Sustainable Leadership Council, a collective of students from across the university working on projects meant to engage students to be more sustainable.

One of the projects she organized was MacJam, an event where to sound equipment was powered entirely by people pedaling bikes. “We wanted to show that you can practice sustainability in a fun way,” says Tebay.

As she gets ready to graduate, Tebay is most proud of the level of engagement she helped inspire in her peers and classmates. “Oikos started out with six members in 2016 and now we have more than 30. She feels the more participants the club has increases the impact that we can have on educating and talking to people about making ethical choices or more environmentally conscious decisions.

Tebay will receive her Bachelor of Commerce during the spring convocation ceremonies.

When: Tuesday, June 20
Time: During the 9:30 a.m. convocation ceremony

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