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Civic leader and dedicated volunteer named as a Distinguished Citizen

Edmonton—MacEwan University is proud to announce that Eric Young, Q.C. has been named a Distinguished Citizen.

A native Edmontonian, Eric Young was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1979. After 30 years with Bryan and Company, he moved to the firm of Witten Law LLP. Eric has extensive governance experience through his professional, community, and volunteer affiliations, including the Canadian Mental health Association, Canadian Cancer Society, United Way of Alberta Capital Region and several other prominent organizations.

Eric became the Chair of MacEwan’s Board of Governors in 2004. During that time the institutions budget was $133 million, and today the university’s budget is $220 million. His tenure as Board Chair also featured the opening of the student residence, the Robbins Health Learning Centre and the University Service Centre.

In his first three-year term, Eric also served as Chair of the Alberta Association of Colleges & Technical Institutes (AACTI) Council of Board Chairs. Eric was successful in bringing Alberta post-secondary issues as well as the institutions priorities to the attention of the provincial government and the community.

First awarded in 1972 to the Honourable Dr. J.W. Grant MacEwan, the Distinguished Citizen award is MacEwan University’s highest tribute to individuals of groups who reflect the university’s mission and fundamental values. At our Convocation ceremonies, the university awards a honorary Bachelor of Arts to distinguished citizens who have made significant contributions to the university, the communities we serve, and/or the institution’s programming or service areas.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University is a comprehensive university offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training. Its philosophy of inspiring minds, academic excellence, and providing career opportunities continues to be its guide as it serves the educational needs of students across Alberta, Canada and the world.

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