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**MacEwan University introduces all gender washrooms**

Edmonton—MacEwan University in Edmonton has introduced its all gender washrooms. The change comes at the request of The Students’ Association which had asked that washrooms on each campus be set aside with signage that reflected the availability of all gender restrooms.

"It's a great move for students at MacEwan University," said Cameron McCoy, President of the Students’ Association of MacEwan University (SAMU). "All gender washrooms contribute to making our campus safer, more inclusive and welcoming for everybody."

During the consultation process MacEwan University consulted with Dr. Kris Wells, Director of Program Services, Institute of Sexual Minority Studies and Services, University of Alberta, and Marni Panas, Engagement and Patient Experience professional and a member of the transgender community.

“University is a time of growth, learning, discovery and finding one's way in the world. We are happy to be part of that process, said Cathryn Heslep, Vice-President, Student Services, MacEwan University. “We are committed to supporting various diversity initiatives for students, faculty and staff, including all gender washrooms.”

MacEwan University endeavors to provide an inclusive and safe environment for all its students. The MacEwan University Diversity Project, as well as initiatives and clubs led by the Students' Association are examples of this commitment to students.

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