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Passionate social justice leader honoured as a Distinguished Citizen

Edmonton—The Board of Governors at MacEwan University is proud to announce that Maureen Collins has been named a Distinguished Citizen. Collins is a respected leader in the Edmonton not-for-profit sector and has contributed to its development for the past 36 years.

She had been with the Edmonton John Howard Society (EJHS) since 1980 in a variety of positions, and was the executive director from 1990 until recently retiring from the organization.

Originally from Belleville, Ontario, she attended the University of Toronto where she pursued her two loves – history and sport. Collins taught senior high school and coached women’s sports teams in Kingston before joining the staff at Kingston Penitentiary for Women as a social development coordinator.

Collins has been a long-time supporter of MacEwan University students and faculty members, and sits on advisory committees for several community organizations. Currently, she is the chair of the Correctional Services Advisory Committee, a position she has held for the past six years. In 2010, she received the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award.

About the award

The Board of Governors at MacEwan University recognizes an individual or group as a “Distinguished Citizen” through the awarding of a honourary baccalaureate degree at its convocation ceremonies. Collins will receive her honourary baccalaureate at the Spring Convocation ceremonies.

When: Thursday, June 19
Where: Francis Winspear Centre for Music
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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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