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Scam Detector founder named a Distinguished Alumni

Edmonton—MacEwan University is proud to announce that Sorin Mihailovici, a graduate of Design Studies in 2008, has been named a Distinguished Alumni. Mihailovici began his career as a TV reporter in his homeland of Romania before moving to Canada in 2001. After struggling to find work, he decided to take the Design Studies program, and then he began the next chapter in his career by working as a producer for OMNI TV.

While nurturing his passion for media, Mihailovici discovered a need to educate people about fraud. He produced his first movie, *419: The Nigerian Scam*, based on fraudulent partnerships solicited by email. It became a viral hit, garnering over one million online views and winning the Rappahannock Independent Film Festival in Fredericksburg, VA.

Producing the film led him create a free mobile and web-based app called Scam Detector that exposes the most notorious scams around the world. Mihailovici is also the co-creator of the international humanitarian campaign and television series, *Travel by Dart*. He and a friend throw a dart at a map of the world and travel wherever it lands, with the purpose of helping the people or the land. Mihailovici has helped build a school in Uganda and a home shelter for the indigenous people of Vanuatu. The show has gained international popularity, spurring a full 12-episode season which will air in 2016.

The Distinguished Alumni award is one of MacEwan University’s most highly regarded awards. Presented to graduates, the award is granted to individuals who exhibit outstanding achievements or make significant contributions in one or more of the following areas: service to the community, business, the arts, human development, the environment, life-long learning, post-secondary education, and/or government.

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