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Move-in day at MacEwan University student residence

Edmonton—Leaving the familiar bubble of high school to go to university is a major transition for students. After all, the difference between raising your hand to go to the washroom during class and then suddenly living independently in a new community is only two months for most first-year university students.

On August 24 almost 900 students will move into the MacEwan University student residence, and for many of them, it will be their first time living away from their family homes. “We welcome students who are starting their post-secondary life in their first year, and they are also moving from much smaller communities in rural Alberta, other provinces and the world,” said Cathryn Heslep, vice-president, student services. “It can be an emotional time for some new students and of course, their parents and siblings.”

Heslep added that new students have a lot of questions: How do I make the most of living in residence? Where can I meet people? What is a program advisor and what can they do for me? How will I get help if I’m falling behind? What can I do to stay safe and healthy?

“We want to make the transition as comfortable as possible for the students and their families, so we have many student, staff and faculty volunteers in place to be visible, welcoming and help with residence move-in day, it’s a very exciting day, from greeting the first arrivals on Sunday morning to the last ones in the early evening,” says Heslep.

Students from across Alberta, Canada and the world will call the MacEwan University Residence ‘home’ for the next eight months.

When: Sunday, August 24
Where: MacEwan University student Residence, 110 street, north of 104 avenue

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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