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MacEwan University announces new Dean of Continuing Education

Edmonton—MacEwan University is pleased to announce that Dr. Heather McRae has been appointed to the new position of dean, School of Continuing Education.

Dr. McRae is currently the associate dean of Engaged Learning with the Faculty of Extension at the University of Alberta. She also holds the rank of associate professor with the Faculty of Extension at the University of Alberta and is a sessional instructor with the Faculty of Human and Social Development at the University of Victoria.

“Heather brings the energy, expertise and experience we were looking for in our founding dean,” said Dr. John Corlett, Provost and Vice-President Academic at MacEwan University. “She is someone who resonates perfectly with where the university wants to go in this vital aspect of our academic development and community outreach,” added Corlett.

Prior to working at the University of Alberta, Dr. McRae led continuing education units at both the University of Victoria and Okanagan University College. She holds a Doctor of Education from Simon Fraser University, a Master of Science from the University of Oregon, and bachelor of Recreation Education from the University of British Columbia.

Dr. McRae is the co-founder of the national Affinity Group on Community Engagement with the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education. Her research includes examining the theory and practice of community engagement.

In 2013, Dr. McRae received a Canadian Association for University Continuing Education (CAUCE) Journal Award, and in 2010 she received a CAUCE Graduate Student Research Award.

Dr. McRae will join MacEwan University on April 14, 2014.

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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