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MacEwan University receives STARS Silver certification

Edmonton—MacEwan University is proud to announce that it has been granted STARS Silver Certification from the Association for the Advancement of Higher Education.

Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. “Achievement of the STARS silver rating validates the university’s sustainability efforts and also acts as a baseline to monitor our progress moving forward”, said David W. Atkinson, president of MacEwan University. “Our namesake, Dr. Grant MacEwan was ahead of his time in terms of his interest and passion for sustainability, and this passion runs through all the university’s departments, connecting the university to issues of global responsibility, environmental stewardship and social equity,” added Atkinson.

There were five aspects to the submission to the Association for the Advancement of Higher Education: Academics, Engagement, Operations, Planning & Administration, and Innovation.

In 2011, MacEwan University endorsed a Campus Sustainability Plan (CSP) which comprise of 14 overarching goals and identifies over 75 strategic actions to assist in achieving these goals. “The CSP establishes clear tactics and measurements which are in-line with the STARS framework,” said Chantal Beaudoin, head of sustainability at the university. “The implementation of our CSP engages all areas of the university and is at the heart of the Silver certification achievement,” added Beaudoin.

The STARS Report for MacEwan University, which includes all of the data submitted during the reporting process, is now publicly posted on the STARS Website:

www.stars.aashe.org/institutions/macewan-university-ab/report/2349/.

*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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