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One of the top 100 Edmontonians of the Century named a Distinguished Citizen

Edmonton—MacEwan University is proud to announce that Sandra Woitas, a graduate of the Advertising and Public Relations program in 1975, has been named a Distinguished Alumni. One of the top 100 influential Edmontonians of the Century, a tried and true educator for 35 years, and an advocate for Edmonton’s most disadvantaged children and families, Woitas adopted several roles, all aimed towards helping students realize their full potential.

The former director of the City Centre Education Project with Edmonton Public Schools, Woitas collaborated with seven inner-city schools to ensure students had the resources and support they needed to realize their full potential. The project was recognized by Today’s Parent magazine in its report recognizing the top 40 Canadian schools, by the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development for its collaborative practices and the Alberta Premier’s Award for excellence.

Woitas also worked with Alberta Education/Children and Youth Services on cross-ministry Family Violence and Anti-Bully Initiatives. She assisted school districts across the province in building 38 school-based integrated mental health capacity projects providing them with the skills, resources and support required to reduce the frequency and severity of bullying behaviors in Alberta schools.

The Distinguished Alumni award is one of MacEwan University’s most highly regarded honours. 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.

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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