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**Research accomplishments earn student President’s Medal**

Edmonton – Student researcher Brandon Craig has been named one of three recipients of the MacEwan President’s Medal for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership.

An exceptional student who maintained a 3.97 GPA, Craig received an NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) grant after his third year, which he used to go to the University of Waterloo for a summer term to study patients recovering from strokes.

Throughout his time at MacEwan, Craig has excelled not only his classes but also in his desire to see others have the same quality of life as himself. “Brandon united with fellow students who were bothered by global health disparities and he spearheaded a fundraising campaign that raised $3,295 for various charities, including Doctors Without Borders,” said Dr. Nancy Digdon, associate professor, Department of Psychology.

Craig will graduate with honours in psychology and has been accepted into a Master of Science in Neuroscience program at the University of Calgary. Craig says his ultimate educational goal is to complete his Ph.D which will equip him for a career that encompasses research and clinical practice.

Craig has also volunteered over 200 hours with Alberta Health Services and has put in many hours volunteering at the Hope Mission Meal Service. “It speaks to his motivation and ability to manage his time,” said Dr. Rodney Schmaltz, associate professor, Department of Psychology. “And on top of all of that he also works 25 hours per week as a member of the Edmonton Oilers organization, and this is important because Brandon is interested in pursuing research on treatment and preventions of concussions,” added Schmaltz.

Craig will be presented with his award during the MacEwan University’s Spring Convocation ceremonies.

**When:** Thursday, June 22  
**Where:** Francis Winspear Centre  
**Time:** During the 3:00 ceremony  

The President’s Medal for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership recognizes both academic achievement and contribution to enhancing the student experience at MacEwan University.

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