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International white collar crime investigator receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Edmonton – Peter Dent, who graduated from MacEwan University’s Law Enforcement program in 1984 will receive university’s Distinguished Alumni Award on June 21.

Dent’s original plan was to become a career police office, but little did he know that his true calling would see him travelling the world to investigate white collar crime.

After graduating from MacEwan, Dent served as a police officer for several years. “I became interested in investigating white collar crime,” he says. “But I realized that to investigate complex cases you need to have an accounting or business background.

He left the force to enroll in a business degree program at the University of Alberta (U of A). “My intent was to go back into policing. But in one of my classes I learned about forensic accounting. That interested me.”

After graduating from the U of A, Dent articled for his chartered accountant designation with Deloitte LLP, where he is now a forensic accounting partner and the global leader of the organization’s crisis management centre. In his role, he focuses on conducting investigations and providing advice to organizations that enhances accountability, transparency and governance. His work has taken him to 35 countries, and he has completed stints with the World Bank and the RCMP’s Commercial Crime Unit.

Dent is also a faculty member at the University of Toronto’s Rotman School of Business, where he lectures on a director’s responsibility with respect to financial crime risk. “Your career isn’t necessarily a strategy that you follow,” adds Dent. “You identify opportunities, pursue them and let them take you where they will.”

Dent will receive his Distinguished Alumni Award during the Spring Convocation ceremonies.

When: Wednesday, June 21
Time: During the 3:00 p.m. ceremony

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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