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Canada's largest private Indigenous company donates \$250,000 to MacEwan Means Business capital campaign

Edmonton – MacEwan University is pleased to announce a significant gift to MacEwan Means Business, the capital campaign raising money for MacEwan's new School of Business building.

Bouchier, Canada's largest private Indigenous company, is pledging \$250,000 to the campaign, an acknowledgement of the integral role MacEwan has in developing future leaders and its contribution to the economic development of the Capital region and Northern Alberta.

"I want to thank Bouchier for recognizing how important this project is to MacEwan, the city of Edmonton and Alberta as a whole, particularly the North," says Dr. Annette Trimbee, president and vice-chancellor. "For Canada's largest private Indigenous company to make this kind of investment in our future is truly meaningful. MacEwan is proud of our place in O-day'min and we are committed to supporting the development of Indigenous learners while contributing to economic reconciliation."

Now in its 25th year of operation, Bouchier has seen the need for enhanced educational opportunities for Northern communities to grow and develop their people and regions. Combined with MacEwan's commitment to building meaningful relationships with Indigenous peoples to upskill and get students job ready, this contribution will help the university reach its goal of growing Alberta's economy and ensuring that Albertans have the opportunity to stay in their communities.

"This project is critical as education is the most powerful investment in our future," says Nicole Bourque-Bouchier, the company's CEO and a member of MacEwan's Capital Campaign Cabinet. "We hope to ignite momentum for others to be a part of this campaign to strengthen the North's next generation of talent. Indigenous peoples and northern communities are vital to the social and economic wellbeing of our province. By providing more access to critical educational opportunities, together, our efforts with MacEwan can shape and enhance Alberta's collective future, especially for people in the North."

The seven-storey School of Business building will be located at 109 Street and 105 Avenue and will provide space for MacEwan's student body to grow by 7,500 students. It is anticipated to open in 2027.

About Bouchier

Bouchier is a leading Canadian integrated site services company based in Fort McKay, Alberta. The company specializes in Civil Contracting and Facilities Maintenance. Bouchier began operations in 1998 and is 100 per cent Indigenous owned. The company employs approximately 1,100 people and prides itself on building its diverse workforce, including an Indigenous employee representation of 43 per cent. Bouchier is committed to lasting economic and social impact ranging from hiring Indigenous and local suppliers to supporting Indigenous independence, culture and community, female empowerment and youth and recreation. The company has been recognized numerous times for its leadership, quality and safety excellence.

About MacEwan University

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personalized learning experiences. Our faculty delivers diverse programming – bachelor's degrees, diplomas, certificates and continuing education – that reflects their commitment to

research, connection to community and dedication to students. At MacEwan, we empower the leaders of tomorrow to discover their passions and build the foundation for a flourishing career.

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