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MACEWAN'S FINE ART GALA RETURNS Modern Andrews and again of View community engagement

<u>MacEwan University</u> students once again worked with the Stony Plain Business Association (SPBA) to bring together the arts and business communities.

Showcasing works by students in the faculty of fine arts and communications (FFAC), the second annual Fine Art Gala on March 14 was a night of music, art and culinary delights.

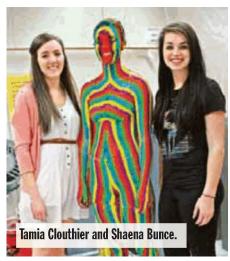
"The gala brings awareness to the diversity of the business area and also draws in community support with appreciation of the students' talents," says Diane Kereluk, executive director of the SPBA, which organizes the gala. "It also brings community pride in being able to host an event such as this, which showcases emerging talent."

"I hope that participation in this event helps students make connections, not only with the broader business community, but also with other students within the faculty," says fine art faculty member Agnieszka Matejko.

This year's event showcased the collaborative efforts between the students of different FFAC programs.

"I view community engagement as an activity that builds motivation and enthusiasm," Matejko says. "Students no longer create assignments that are viewed only by professors and fellow students — their work contributes to the broader Edmonton community."

Proceeds from the gala go toward installing a permanent student sculpture in the Stony Plain Road area.



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