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### **Elder Charlie Fox to receive Honorary Applied Degree from MHC**

***Medicine Hat, Alberta (June 7, 2022):*** Medicine Hat College (MHC) is pleased to recognize Elder Charlie Fox - Piitahonista, Eagle Calf - as the recipient of the 2022 honorary applied baccalaureate degree.

As an Elder of the Kainai Nations Sacred Horn Society and a member of the Blood Tribe, a First Nations Band Government serving southern Alberta, Elder Fox has been an integral part of MHC's efforts to develop Indigenous-focused strategies that will support the institution's capacity for understanding, education and growth.

Elder Fox is a leader, inspired by his rich Blackfoot culture and heritage and his people's spirituality.

"He has been a tremendous guide for Medicine Hat College as we make this journey," says Sarah Mackenzie, chair of the college's Board of Governors. "For those who have had the privilege to share space and time with Elder Fox, you know that he speaks truth and knowledge. His words are sincere, their impact long lasting."

His specific contributions to Medicine Hat College are numerous. He has personally advised on matters including the 2020 Land Blessing Ceremony for the MHC's new Indigenous space, the Indigenous strategic plan that will help us walk a new path, and assisted in the creation of a partnership with the Miywasin Friendship Centre.

Elder Fox is also involved across the province, supporting numerous organizations and initiatives, including:

- The Government of Alberta,
- Alberta Children's Services,
- Alberta School Boards Association,
- Horizon School District, and
- the development of a provincial resource outlining fair and equitable Elder and Knowledge Keeper honorariums.

His career in the helping professions spans adult probation, school liaison, child welfare and tribal council roles. His background in agriculture and horsemanship led him to pursue instructor certification and build the Fox Therapeutic Riding Program.

“As Medicine Hat College looks to the future, and strives to create a fair and inclusive environment for all people and cultures, Elder Fox sets an example we can aspire to,” adds MacKenzie. “It is a privilege to be able to recognize Elder Fox with this degree - MHC’s highest honour – and we look forward to walking this path together.”

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