MAKAMI COLLEGE
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Guiding Lights Gala

Illuminating Futures & Inspiring Generations

Saturday, May 15, 2027

Fairmont Hotel Macdonald, Empire Ballroom

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A Legacy Evening for Visionary Changemakers

The Guiding Lights Gala is the Foundation's biggest night of the year: an elegant evening dedicated to helping our students succeed.

Set in the elegant surroundings of the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald, the evening will feature a multi-course dinner, inspiring stories, special guests, exclusive silent and live auctions, and live entertainment to carry the celebration into the night.







The Students We Serve

Many students at MaKami College are working adults, parents, newcomers, and career changers, building better lives while facing real barriers most of us never have to think about. Our students are determined, but determination alone isn't always enough. The Guiding Lights Gala raises the funds that remove those barriers and turn obstacles into opportunities.

Where Your Generosity Makes an Impact

- **Scholarships** that remove the financial barrier to starting or finishing a program
- **Emergency financial aid** for students facing an unexpected setback
- **Childcare support** that keeps parenting students in the classroom
- **Language and academic resources** for newcomers and English-language learners
- **Wellness services** that support students through the personal challenges that come with rebuilding a life while studying

"When I came to Canada as a young mother, every door felt closed. The MaKami College Education Foundation opened one that changed everything. Today I am working in a career I love, supporting my children and building a life filled with possibility. Your support made that future possible."

MaKami College Graduate
- Avelina Reyes

Why Partner With Us

Invest in Alberta's Future Workforce

Support the next generation of skilled professionals entering Alberta's workforce, including healthcare, education, business, and other essential sectors that Alberta's economy depends on.

Build Your Philanthropic Visibility

Position your organization as a committed partner in Alberta's education sector, with recognition across MaKami College and Foundation platforms and throughout Alberta's business community.

Expand Your Network

Connect with community leaders, business executives, government representatives and other organizations invested in Alberta's future.

Be Part of a Signature Evening

Treat your network to an exclusive night out featuring great food, live entertainment, special guests, and exclusive auction packages.

Premium Sponsorship Packages

Benefit	Constellation $25,000	North Star $15,000	Aurora $10,000	Beacon $7,500	Student Scholarship $5,000
Tickets to the Guiding Lights Gala	30 VIP Tickets (3 VIP tables with priority seating)	20 VIP Tickets (2 VIP tables with priority seating)	10 VIP Tickets (1 VIP table with priority seating)	10 VIP Tickets (1 VIP table)	10 Standard Tickets (1 Standard table)
Tickets to the VIP Champagne Reception before the Event	30	20	10	10	-
Logo/Name Recognition on the Event Screen	★	★	★	★	★
Logo/Name Recognition in the Printed Event Program	★	★	★	★	★
Logo/Name Recognition by the Emcee During the Main Event Program	★	★	★	★	★
Logo/Name Recognition on the Guiding Lights Gala Website for 1 Year	★	★	★	★	
Logo/Name Recognition on the Foundation and College Social Media Platforms	★	★	★		
Speaking Opportunity During the Main Event Program	★	★			
Naming rights to a scholarship or student support initiative	★				

** Sponsorship benefits can be tailored to your organization's goals. Please contact us to design the right partnership together.*

Experience Sponsorship Packages

Each sponsor receives signage at their sponsored location, verbal acknowledgment during the program, and logo recognition in the printed program and on event screens.

Entertainment Experience

$5,000

Put your brand behind the live entertainment that brings the room to life and keeps the celebration going.

VIP Champagne Reception Experience

$5,000

Mark the first toast of the night with your brand supporting the exclusive champagne reception for VIP guests before the Gala begins.

Cocktail Hour Experience

$5,000

Start the evening with your brand front and centre as guests arrive, mingle, and raise a glass together.

After Dinner Experience

$2,500

Keep the celebration going and get guests on their feet with your brand featured alongside dessert and DJ entertainment.

Together we illuminate futures

Partner with the Guiding Lights Gala and put your organization at the centre of an unforgettable evening and a cause that shapes Alberta's future.

Join us as a 2027 sponsor or explore a custom partnership for your organization.

Sponsorship & Partnership Inquiries

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