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Mount A is A-OK with grads

SACKVILLE, NB — Allisonians are happy with their *alma mater* and told this to the nation in *Maclean's* magazine's annual University rankings issue and a recent internal alumni survey.

In a new section of the newsmagazine's report, a survey administered to recent graduates — Mount Allison was at the head of the class in many categories. Allisonians showed their satisfaction with Mount A with a strong participation rate and stellar ratings. Mount Allison placed first out of all Canadian universities in rating the Entire Educational Experience (88%). The University also ranked first in: Assessing the Classroom and Beyond (86%), and Extracurricular Environment (72%). Mount Allison was among the top three, with a score of 87 per cent, when participants were asked if attending university was a significant benefit to them. Many Allisonians also would recommend Mount A to a friend or relative with 83 per cent of participants answering in the affirmative.

Mount Allison University President Dr. Kenneth Ozmon is pleased with the results of this new survey. "These results mean a lot coming from our graduates. They are the product of our institution. High rankings from our grads illustrate that the Mount Allison experience is a valuable foundation upon which they can build their lives. This is the ultimate test for any university."

Mount Allison Alumni President Catherine Decarie of Ottawa says, "It's great to see the Allisonian spirit nationally recognized. I'd like to personally thank our alumni for taking the time to respond to the survey and share their unique perspectives."

*Maclean's* national survey is the second survey in which Mount Allison has fared well in this year. The first was conducted by Mount Allison University, in partnership with Lookout Management Inc. of London, ON. Lookout Management Inc. administered its own survey to over 12,000 alumni in the spring. Results from this study indicated that close to 95 per cent of those asked strongly agreed with the statement, "I am proud to have attended Mount Allison." When asked about their Mount Allison experience, over 90 per cent were satisfied with the quality of academic programs, while over 86 per cent thought Mount Allison faculty were approachable and accessible to students. Many even mentioned particular professors they considered to be mentors from their time at Mount A. Over 85 per cent rated the quality of teaching very highly at Mount Allison. The survey included responses from alumni who graduated half a century ago as well as recent grads and everyone in between.

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