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Mount Royal Faculty Association Advocacy Week Events

The Mount Royal Faculty Association (MRFA) will host its third annual Post Secondary Education Advocacy Week from March 27-31.

A series of daily events for students, staff, faculty and the public have been designed to explore the pivotal role that post secondary education must play in Alberta's future. The theme for 2017 is "Access for All Albertans: Higher Education is a Public Good."

A number of events will take place at Mount Royal University throughout the week. There will be interactive displays that ask students to consider the ways that government funding, debt, institutional and personal barriers, and race, class, and gender limit access to higher education in Alberta. As well, a panel discussion with faculty members, students, and representatives of the Iniskim Centre, the Indigenous centre at MRU, will examine the specific barriers faced by Indigenous students attempting to negotiate their way into and through the post-secondary education system in the province. This panel, titled "From Acceptance to Graduation for Indigenous Students: A Student-Faculty Dialogue on Challenges and Opportunities, will be held Thursday, March 30th from 12:00-1:00 in T141.

We are also hosting a panel discussion on Who Should Pay for Higher Education. This is a free, open, public event that will be held at the John Dutton Theatre, Calgary Public Library on Tuesday, March 28th from 5:30-7:00pm. Representatives from political parties, provincial organizations, and student groups will participate in a lively discussion about how post-secondary education should be funded and who should pay.

All events are open to the public.

For more on Advocacy Week, see: <http://mrfa.net/AdvocacyWeek2017>

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