

MEDIA ADVISORY:

Alberta Post-Secondary Students Call on Government to Improve "Our Futures, Our Fortunes"

On Thursday, February 11, the Alberta Students' Executive Council will bring together students from eight Alberta colleges, universities and technical institutes to hold a province-wide day of action titled "Our Futures, Our Fortunes." The campaign calls on the government to increase support for post-secondary education.

Since last summer, ASEC has repeatedly called on the government to continue its strong track record of investment in post-secondary education. The prospect of dramatic tuition and mandatory fee increases, coupled with sharp budget cuts expected in this week's provincial budget, leaves students deeply concerned about the quality, accessibility, and affordability of their education.

The "Our Futures, Our Fortunes" campaign invites students to handwrite messages to the Alberta government, contributing their thoughts on what steps need to be taken to improve the future and fortunes of Alberta post-secondary students. Selected messages from each participating campus will be baked inside giant fortune cookies and delivered to Minister of Advanced Education, Doug Horner.

Students from eight campuses across Alberta, will take part in the event, including: Alberta College of Art and Design; Bow Valley College; Grant MacEwan University; Keyano College; Medicine Hat College; Mount Royal University; Red Deer College; and SAIT.

Date: February 11, 2010

Time: 12:00 noon

Locations: Alberta College of Art and Design; Bow Valley College; Grant MacEwan University; Keyano College; Medicine Hat College; Mount Royal University; Red Deer College; and SAIT.

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For more information, location details or to set up an interview, contact:

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