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Elsie Elford joined MacEwan as a full-time instructor in 1992. Her leadership ability was immediately evident as, in addition to teaching, she took on chairing and leading a number of college initiatives and committees. These included Chair of the Educational Leadership Institute (ELI), the Academic Vision Steering Committee, Academic Council, and Faculty Roles and Responsibilities. In 2000, MacEwan students presented her with the Student Champion Award, in recognition of exemplary service, support and advocacy.

In 2005, she received the International Exemplary Leader Award from the Chair Academy, a U.S.-based educational leadership institution. Since then, she has expanded her Chair Academy work to become a facilitator for the Leadership program, providing a lead role in MacEwan's strengths-based leadership initiative. In 2009, she was named one of Alberta's 50 'Most Influential' by Venture Magazine.

In her role as Dean, she works with a dedicated team to lead MacEwan as an institution that offers a variety of degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Prior to her career in education, Elsie practiced law for ten years, and holds both a BA and an LL.B from the University of Alberta. She stays connected to the profession through membership in the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association. Elsie sits on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement (JA) of Northern Alberta and Northwest Territories and is the Vice Chair of the Edmonton Chapter of the International Women's Forum.