



Busy First Year for Rudy H. Brown Rural Development Centre

It has been one year since the grand opening celebrations of the Rudy H. Brown Rural Development Centre at Ridgetown Campus. The new classrooms, auditorium, lecture theatre, boardroom, foyer and offices have all played key roles in hosting thousands of guests at the campus.

Campus staff and students use the building extensively and have found the facility excellent for the following:

- Lectures
- Student Athletic Activities
- Staff Meetings
- Final Exams
- Teacher Training Conferences
- Fall Student Registration
- Six Offices for Scientists and Instructors
- Visits from area politicians, including the Federal Agriculture Minister
- Visits from rural stakeholders
- Graduation Ceremonies
- Red Carpet Days Open House Events
- Applicant Tour Days
- Video Conferencing with Colleagues in Guelph
- Various Campus Meetings
- Student Textbook Sales
- College Information Program - 21 Ontario Colleges

Ridgetown alumni and the Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation make great use of the building for special events and meetings including:

- Ridgetown and Guelph Alumni Receptions
- Donor Appreciation Luncheon Celebration
- Westag Alumni Banquet and Dance
- Foundation Executive and Committee Meetings

The **Ridgetown community** enjoys the building for a wide variety of activities including:

- Youth Baseball Training Camp
- Service Club Meetings
- Ridgetown Women's Volleyball League
- Rotary Youth Leadership Conference
- Ridgetown Blood Donor Clinics

The **Agricultural community** has found great use for the building; some clients include:

- Southwest Agricultural Conference
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- OMAFRA
- 4-H Ontario Leadership Camp
- Southwestern Ontario Pork Conference
- Private Agribusiness Organizations

Many **visiting/overnight conference groups** effectively use the new 30,000 square foot building; some clients include:

- United Church of Canada London Conference
- Western Region Community College Teachers
- HOBY Youth Leadership Conference
- High School Football Training Camp

The Rudy H. Brown Rural Development Centre has been a truly fantastic addition and home to countless individuals and organizations in our rural community during the past year.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your tremendous support to this important Ridgetown community facility. As we celebrate our first anniversary, we look forward to opening the doors of this building to Ridgetown Campus guests and stakeholders for decades to come.