

## Foundation 5K Race/Walk to Build Awareness of Proposed New Ontario Sustainable Crop Research and Innovation Centre



Excited about the July 12<sup>th</sup> 5K Sod Buster Race/Walk for Ridgetown Campus are (left) Gary Paling, Alumnus and Event Chairperson, and (right) Stacey DeVolder, Foundation Board and event working group member.

the province, including those at Ridgetown Campus, are in need of renewal and the Ridgetown Campus Agri-Food Foundation is working with the University to raise the \$3 to 4 million in private sector funds required as part of a multi-million initiative.

The Sod Buster event will take participants around the campus on the 5 km route, and race participants will all receive a technical t-shirt and refreshments. Event Chairperson, Gary Paling, class of 1974 says, "The event working group is targeting 200 participants for the first-time run/walk." The 5 km event is open to anyone and a separate special Barnyard Dash event will offer kids age 6 and under some special fun. Organizers are also looking for event sponsors to help with direct event costs. Everyone participating must register with Race Roster and all proceeds from the event will support this capital need.

Watch for more information and further announcements!

**For further information:**

*From Communications, University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus*

**January 29, 2015, Ridgetown:** If you enjoy walking or running then Ridgetown Campus invites you to shine up your shoes and register for the first annual 5 K Sod Buster event. The event promises to help you stay healthy, make new acquaintances, join with Westag alumni, and just have some good old fashion fun! The event is scheduled for **Sunday, July 12, 2015** and anyone can register through the Ridgetown Campus homepage or by going to [RaceRoster.com](http://RaceRoster.com).

The purpose of the event is to build awareness of the proposed new **Ontario Sustainable Crop Research and Innovation Centre** and the leadership role Ridgetown campus is playing in the development of this new centre. "Leading edge crop research is fundamentally important to the global competitiveness and profitability of Ontario agriculture. Strategic reinvestment in cropping system infrastructure is needed in order to serve our many agriculture stakeholders for decades to come," says Ken McEwan, Campus Director. Current crop research facilities across



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