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Farm Credit Canada and University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus Foundation Recognize Alumnus for Life-Time Achievement

Ken Monteith, class of 1957, has been recognized with the Farm Credit Canada (FCC) alumnus life-time achievement award.

“FCC was looking to honour an alumnus who has made a significant contribution to agriculture and to his or her rural community, and Ken’s immeasurable service to this campus and his rural community is an example for all of us to learn from,” states Gary Paling, District Manager, FCC. FCC is Canada’s leading agriculture lender, providing financing, insurance and other business services to producers, agribusinesses and agri-food operations.

The award was made at the graduation ceremonies at the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus and was accompanied by a donation of \$5,000 to the new Student Service and Recruitment Centre. The Ridgetown Campus is one of three regional campuses of the University of Guelph’s Ontario Agricultural College (OAC).

“I’d like to thank Farm Credit Canada and congratulate Ken on behalf of the College” said Robert Gordon, dean of OAC. “Ken has been a tireless fundraiser for the Ridgetown campus, and a great example of the contributions of our alumni and our industry partners that are invaluable to our ongoing success.”

Monteith is an inaugural member of the Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation, and continues to actively serve the foundation. “Ken has a special way of getting his message to campus stakeholders, administrators and donors, and his time commitment to the betterment of Ridgetown Campus is beyond measure,” notes Dave Baute, current chair.

Ken has provided successful leadership to the International Plowing Match and continues to serve his Elgin county community.

“I couldn’t be more pleased about this alumni recognition at the Ridgetown Campus” said Art Schaafsma, Ridgetown Campus Director. “Ken sets an outstanding example for alumni to follow and I challenge all OAC alumni to consider the personal rewards of giving back to their alma mater. I want to personally congratulate Ken and his wife Luella on this special recognition”

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- **Dr. Art Schaafsma**, Director, Ridgetown Campus
- **Ken Monteith**, Award Recipient, Class of 1957
- **Betty Van Haren**, Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation
- **Gary Paling**, District Manager, Farm Credit Canada



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