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Community Support Makes Ridgetown Campus Chaplaincy a Reality

University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus is pleased to offer chaplaincy services to its students. This unique program, funded by the Blenheim and Ridgetown Ministerial Associations and community donations, began in the fall of 2007 and has been well-received by both students and staff.

Rev. Doug Rowley has been working part-time at the campus since the program began, and he works with students from both Ridgetown Campus and the Thames Campus of St. Clair College. He offers individual counseling plus a variety of group events that engage students in discussions relevant to their life. "I enjoy the opportunity to work with the students and help them grow, learn and prepare for their future," he says. In the fall of 2008, Rowley took a group of students on a canoe trip down the Saugeen River, and he currently has some musically gifted students that enjoy practicing at a local church.

"The University of Guelph is very supportive of the spiritual dimension of learning and we are very pleased with the offer by the community to support a chaplain at the Ridgetown Campus. Rev. Rowley has made an excellent supporting contribution to the life of our students and staff and we look forward to continuing to provide space and opportunity to this important service," says Campus Director, Dr. Art Schaafsma.

In an effort to highlight the Campus Chaplaincy Service, the ministerial associations are hosting the first Chaplain's Gala on Friday, April 3, 2009 at Willson Hall, Ridgetown Campus. This charity event will feature a roast beef and chicken buffet, and a musical program featuring 2FISH. Tickets are \$40.00/person and include a \$20.00 charity tax receipt. Tickets are available from Mitton's Jewellers, Catherine Chavis at Ridgetown Campus or by calling Doug Rowley at 355-8867.

We invite the community to come out for an evening of great food and great entertainment on Friday, April 3, 2009.

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