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Dave Baute to Lead Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation

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With a keen interest in youth and agriculture, Dave Baute has been chosen to be the new Chairperson of the Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation. Baute is a Class of 1977 alumnus and President of Maizex Seeds in Tilbury. He is replacing Ken Monteith, who will remain actively involved in the organization as the Past Chairperson.

“We are tremendously fortunate to have such strong leadership on our Foundation. Dave’s passion for our rural community and Ridgetown Campus will certainly be an asset to the entire Board, the students and staff, and the campus,” says Dr. Art Schaafsma, Campus Director.

Baute is keen to see the Foundation move forward on a Reek Building ‘Alumni and Student Services Centre’ renovation project, as well as the investigation of options for a new and/or renovated student residence.

Moving into the position of Foundation Vice-Chair is Gary Paling, Class of 1974, District Director for Farm Credit Canada.

New Board members this year, with three-year terms, are Murray Reissner, Gencor, and Jamie McGrail, McGrail Farm Equipment.

Chairperson Baute encourages all alumni and community friends to become actively involved in Ridgetown Campus. “It’s an invaluable community resource and we all need to support Ridgetown Campus whenever we can.”

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