

## **Ridgetown Campus Celebrates Record Student Enrolment and Approval of New Environment, Health and Safety Program**

**September 24, 2010, Ridgetown, ON** - For the second year in a row, there is record enrolment at University of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus. "We're excited about the ten percent increase in student numbers over fall 2009 enrolment figures," says Art Schaafsma, Campus Director. "Our largest program remains our cornerstone agriculture diploma and we are excited about the opportunity to train youth as future producers, and agribusiness and environmental leaders for Ontario and around the globe."

In addition to record enrolment numbers, Ridgetown Campus has just received academic approval for a new one-year certificate program that will focus on meeting the growing need for professionals trained in operating and implementing company environment, health and safety policy and procedures. The next development phase of the Environment, Health and Safety Certificate program will be student recruitment and further progress on course curriculum. The new program, open to students who have previous industry experience and/or related post-secondary education, is scheduled to begin in September 2011.

A new Ridgetown certificate program offered for the first time this year has attracted an impressive number of students. Nearly 30 students have begun their studies in the Performance Horse Handler Certificate program being delivered at The Regional Agricultural and Equine Centre of Huron (REACH Huron) in Clinton, ON. "We hope this is just the beginning for equine training for our campus and are pleased to have three new instructors supporting the delivery of this program at REACH Huron," notes Irene Moore, Associate Director, Academics.

Ridgetown Campus is beginning its 60<sup>th</sup> year of delivering diploma education and has over 6,500 proud Westag alumni. Ridgetown Campus is a regional campus of the Ontario Agriculture College (OAC), University of Guelph. OAC programs delivered at Guelph Campus have also experienced an enrolment increase.



*First-year students enjoying a little fun and relaxation during 'O-WEK' orientation activities.*

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