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Welcome

TO CONVOCATION 2024

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!
**We are here to celebrate each of you,
and those around you, that have
helped you achieve this success.**

About the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Agricultural and Environmental Research

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has been a steadfast and innovative partner since we began as an agricultural research farm (the Western Ontario Experimental Farm) in 1922. This lifelong partnership between the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, and OMAFRA remains highly valued today.

Celebrating Over 70 Years of Graduates

Our first diploma class graduated in 1953 and today we are excited to mark this as our 71st graduating class! Over time, our methods of teaching and training have evolved and our relationship with the University of Guelph has strengthened. We look forward to a bright future of academic innovation and many more graduates!

Delivering OAC Programs and Developing Industry Talent: Celebrating Lifelong Learning to Improve Life

Our current student body reflects diversified academic programs at the Associate Diploma, Certificate, Apprenticeship, Graduate Studies (M.Sc. & Ph.D.), and Continuing Education levels. Ridgetown Campus is part of the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) with a mandate focused on agriculture, food, communities, and the environment.

Ridgetown Campus attracts a student body of individuals keen to make a difference in the many industries they will serve.

Welcome New Alumni

We are extremely proud of our Ridgetown Campus alumni who value a deep sense of community and belonging. A special welcome to our new graduates as you join the Ridgetown Campus, OAC, and University of Guelph alumni families.

You are now part of these amazing alumni networks located throughout the province, country, and around the globe. As you go forward into your own communities, we know you will have a big impact on the world growing around you. We are excited to see how you will **Improve Life**.

LEADERSHIP MESSAGES



Congratulations to the Ridgetown Campus Class of 2024!

Throughout your time at the University of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus, each of you met the challenges and opportunities you faced with determination, creativity, and compassion. I encourage you to continue to rely on those same qualities as you begin the next chapter of your lives.

As graduates of Ridgetown Campus and the Ontario Agricultural College, your knowledge of agriculture, the environment, equine, horticulture, and veterinary care, combined with your Ridgetown spirit, will allow you to make a meaningful difference in our world.

However you choose to make that difference - and wherever your journey takes you next, I encourage you to stay connected with the University and to those who have accompanied you during your time here.

I am immensely proud of your achievements, and I wish you continued success in the adventures that lie ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlotte Yates".

Dr. Charlotte A. B. Yates
*President and Vice-Chancellor
University of Guelph*



To the Ridgetown class of 2024, I'd like to wish you congratulations on completing your program at the University of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus! Your hard work and perseverance have paid off.

As we celebrate your accomplishments, I ask that you take a moment to reflect on your experiences, both academically and personally. I hope you've learned the importance of being open to new experiences. Striving for balance between work, fun, and self-care can be challenging, but is vital. Fostering an inquisitive nature in yourself and in your friends, family, and colleagues creates knowledge, conversation, and solutions to complex problems.

By graduating from U of G's Ridgetown Campus, you carry with you new friendships, a set of experiences that prepare you for an exciting career ahead of you, and a deeper understanding of yourself, and the world around you.

You are now part of a global network of U of G and OAC alumni that strive towards a common goal: to Improve Life. We can't wait to see what you'll do next.

Congratulations on your graduation!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Cranfield".

Dr. John Cranfield
*Acting Dean, Ontario Agricultural College
University of Guelph*



Post-secondary education is as much about the qualities you develop as a person as what you learn in the classroom. Qualities like perseverance, compassion, and courage will serve you well throughout your professional and personal journey.

Congratulations Class of 2024! I am inspired by your remarkable dedication and determination. The perseverance you have demonstrated to complete your program will empower you to embrace new challenges, conquer obstacles, and excel in your exciting next chapter. You truly stand out as an exceptional group of students!

I hope that Ridgetown Campus will remain close to your heart, and you will consider it a second home. Stay in touch and let us know of all your incredible accomplishments as you Improve Life and make a difference for the world growing around you.

Brett Shepherd
 Director
 University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus



Congratulations to all our graduates! This significant milestone in your life is truly a cause for celebration and pride.

As you leave Ridgetown Campus, I hope you've had the opportunity to create lifelong friendships, happy memories, and attain your personal goals during your time with us.

Today, you will be presented with a special gift, a tree seedling. Your experience at Ridgetown Campus is comparable to the growth of a tree seedling. At the beginning of your academic journey, you were like a seed planted in fertile soil, full of potential, but yet to fully realize it. As you progressed through your studies, you grew in knowledge and skills like a seedling absorbs nutrients and water from the soil. Like a growing seedling, you faced challenges and overcame obstacles. With perseverance and dedication, you pushed through, gradually growing stronger and more resilient. Finally, today upon graduation, you emerge from your educational journey like a sapling breaking through the soil. You are ready to face the world with newfound knowledge, skills, and confidence. I do not doubt you will flourish and change the world for the better.

Congratulations on your academic success, and my sincerest best wishes for your future endeavors!

Ericka Gonzalez-Smith
 Associate Director, Academic Quality
 & Student Success
 University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus

CONVOCATION AGENDA

Procession The assembly will rise at the sound of the music for the procession of graduands, faculty, staff, and special platform guests.

Opening Remarks **Brett Shepherd**, Director, Ridgetown Campus

Convocation 2024 Address **Dr. Mary Anne Chambers**, Chancellor

Special Recognitions

- Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal **Dr. Gwen Chapman**, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
- Dr. Ron Pitblado Teaching Award of Excellence **Ericka Gonzalez-Smith**, Associate Director, Academic Quality and Student Success

Remarks from the Class of 2024 Graduating Students

Celebrating the Class of 2024 **Dr. John Cranfield**, Acting Dean, Ontario Agricultural College

Conferring of Diplomas and Certificates **Dr. Mary Anne Chambers**, Chancellor

Recognition of Apprenticeships

Dr. John Cranfield, Acting Dean, Ontario Agricultural College

Presentation of Graduands

Brett Shepherd, Director, Ridgetown Campus

Ericka Gonzalez-Smith, Associate Director, Academic Quality and Student Success

With assistance from Academic Program Co-ordinators

Valete **Dr. Charlotte Yates**, President & Vice-Chancellor

Announcements **Brett Shepherd**, Director, Ridgetown Campus

Dismissal of Convocation **Dr. Mary Anne Chambers**, Chancellor

Recession The assembly will rise and remain at their seats for the recession of graduates, faculty, staff, and platform guests.

Garden Party Everyone is invited to join us for a time of celebration on the lawn in front of Willson Hall.

THE DR. RON PITBLADO TEACHING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Each year, the campus recognizes the late Dr. Ron Pitblado through the Teaching Award of Excellence. Staff and/or students nominate a teaching staff member who exhibits outstanding commitment to teaching innovation and excellence.

**We are pleased to recognize Mike Gladstone,
College Professor, as the 2024 recipient.**

Highlights of Mike's teaching submitted by the Class of 2024:

- He goes above and beyond making sure everything is always there and prepared.
- Mike has been a stand-out instructor here at Ridgetown.
- He treats every student with respect, is highly knowledgeable, and provides constructive feedback.
- He is motivating, insightful, and personalized. It empowers students to improve.
- He continuously updates students on changes to laws and regulations, and shows efficient methods on how to complete a task.
- He gives extensive amounts of useful information.
- Mike understands that students have different ways of understanding the material. He takes a smooth approach to the units, allowing students to see it from a visual, written, or hands-on perspective.
- He genuinely made the courses interesting and exciting to attend.
- He takes the time and effort to see all students.
- He emphasizes the importance of student input.
- He has shown time and time again that he puts students first.

Congratulations, Mike!



Teaching at Ridgetown Campus has been an incredibly rewarding experience for me. Bringing my many years of production experience into the classroom allows me to apply real-world context to textbook material, leading to fascinating conversations with students. Their insightful questions and our interactive discussions make each class a truly enjoyable experience.

The most rewarding aspect, without a doubt, is the students themselves. They are interesting, professional, and a pleasure to be around. The mutual respect and trust they show in the classroom are invaluable. They trust us to help them build a bright future, and it's a responsibility I take very seriously. I look forward to seeing them every day; their presence and gratitude make teaching a joy.

Receiving this award fills me with gratitude, and I am deeply appreciative of the wonderful students who nominated me. I am excited to see where new graduates of Ridgetown will go and confident I will be seeing your achievements throughout the industry!

Class of 2024 Graduates

Associate Diploma in Agriculture

Graduating With Distinction *
Distinction is given to graduates achieving a
cumulative average of 80% or higher
Co-operative Education Program C

Zakwan Wajih Ahmed *^C

Kikelomo Anuoluwapo
Awhana *

Hayley Nicole Bloomfield *

Andrew Bootsma

Matthew Borland

Marie-Soleil Bourdon

Olivia Abigail Boyes-Brears

Jordy Jannes Brink

Caleb Keith Brockman*

Ryan Wilson James Burt *^C

Katie Christine Butcher

Camden Leif Butler *

Marcus Cadman

Amelia Evelyn Caldwell

Ridley Bryant Campbell

Ella Almena Chase ^C

Kody John Chowen

Bryan Alexander Coates *

Lara-Nicole Ruth Cochrane *

Jennifer J. Cook

Taya Lynn Cornish *

Abbigail Lynn Craig

Owen Mitchell Cronin

Joel Thomas Curry

Mick Donker

Owen Clare Floyd Dudgeon

Floris Matthew Duizer

Elena Eggenschwiler

Nicholas Darek Ertl

Cloe Alexis Fair *

Emma Jane Faulkner

Michael Steven Geertsma

Louis Gyurom *^C

Connor Hachborn

Alexa Jane Hahn

Erica Lynne Hamilton*

Theodore Harrington

Michael Heaman *

Cleveland Jack Hickson

Rachel Breeanne Hill

Blake Hodgins

Kierstyn Linda Grace Hogan

Morgan Hoskin

Natasha Bernice
Eka Huberts

Philip Hungerbuehler

Kyle Ische *

Leah Johnson

Christy Francisca
Kieftenburg *

Thomas Kiestra

Mya Kingsbury

Frank T. Kinlin

Sarah Klaver *

Morgan Marc Lucier

Connor Scott MacLean

Trent Sebastian Marett

William Grant McNiven

Georgia Martina Minten *^C

Keely Mackenzie Pardo *

Logan Parker

Claire Helena Parney

Christopher David Postl *

Emily Diane Poulin

Megan Elizabeth Price *

Melyse Mabel Renwick *

Hayley Morgan Richardson

Marielle Elizabeth Roos *

Bryce Steven Sanders

Ryan Sanders

Reegan Elizabeth Margaret
Sawyer

Claire Margaret Schill

Yanxia Tian *

Ella Marie Ann Ward-Boult

Georgia Schill *

Frans Treur

Nicolas Gordon Weber

Mikayla Grace Sharpe

Aunika Van de Gevel ^c

Hannah Weiler *

Liam Malcolm Smits

Remco Jacob Van Der Vlies

Scott Wepler

Matt Milton Snider *

Ericka Brigette Van Dongen *

Troy Leslie Wickens *

Payton Alexandra Stephen

Sylvia Maria Van Nes *

Cleo Wight

Warren Michael Swidersky

Kayla Emiley Wank

Hudson Vern Thompson

Grace Elizabeth Ward

Associate Diploma in Environmental Management

Kiley Summer Aarsteinsen *

Katherine Gabriela Gerchikov

Ashley O'Connor *

Jack Greer Belleghem *

Taylor Marie Neil *

Tyson James Robinson *

Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management

Meghan Collins *

Amber Danae Keen *^c

Rachelle An Sengupta *^c

Abigail Delorme *

Brooklyn Ellie-Anna Kentfield *

Rachell Audrey Sharpe *

Amelia Maggie Daisy Dickson ^c

Hailey Plante-Phillips

Breanne Ashley Underwood

Sabrina Dupont *^c

Jocelyn Andrea Quirion ^c

Allison Ann Marie Gilligan

Inessa Maria Hripsime Ratevosian *





Associate Diploma in Horticulture

Jonah Daniel Dailey

Megan Ashley Hutten

**Mohammd Saad Alaah
Alaah Serdar**

Zachary Decloedt

Keira Marie Maloney *

Keagan Adair Whittington

Jacqueline Gagnon

Neil W. Martin

Cayden Byron Henze

Danny James McAuliffe

Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology - Conventional

Katie Anne Beare *

Maria Enter *

Carleigh Breanna Rau *

Kaitlyn Mae Bentley

Paige Marie Fields

Kirsten Reid

Kayla Bosley

Michaela Grace Graham *

**McKinley Rose-Maureen
Rogers ***

Lindsay Boulanger

Lauren Diane Hammond

Allegra Rosic

**Aurora Dawn Minota
Bressette**

Wren Wendy-Lynne Hawn

Meghan Elyssa Rymer *

Ashley Louise Canavan

Rowan Mary Elizabeth Heil

Julianne Scott

Isabella Marina Leal Condeco

Kylie Johnston

Donna Marie Simmons *

Laura Mary Cook *

Sidney Koebel

Chase Daniel Stahls *

Hailey Tamara Craig

Sierra Mackenzie Kram

Skye Steckel *

Lia Noelle Cripps *

Fiona Louise MacLeod

Claire Hannelore Stoecker *

Cadence Michelle Dejong *

Rachel Barbara Milligan *

Amber Lynn Warboys

Melanie Louise DeLong

Kiley Bryn Nice-Hart

Olivia Mary Wenger

Brydon Clara Dickieson *

Elesha Joy Patterson

Selina Erika Whitter *

Maggie Mae Dwyer *

Samantha Taylor Paulitzki

Sierra Lexus Egli

Kiia Prunner

Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology – Alternative

Faye Thamer Alsafar	Brooke Abigail Mata	Carla Jane Shaw *
Rachele Jeannine Flora Entwistle-Anderson *	Elsie Mae Oliva Nadvornik Cowey	Courtney Elizabeth Stainton *
Madison Gagner	Keshia Mary Elizabeth Noseworthy *	Joy Thornton *
Courtney Haggitt	Emma Catherine O'Grady	Catarina Branco Veloso
Shay Harrison *	Hannah Lynn Oliver	Jessica Walker *
Agatha Elizabeth Kostrz	Erica Grace Overholt	Jennifer Wilkins *
Kacie Victoria Martin *	Kim Lorrie Saliba	Hailey Elizabeth Wilson-Kay
Sarah Marvin	Racheal Margaret Seifried *	

Veterinary Assistant and Office Administration Certificate

Athena Soriano Abbey	Charlotte Grace Gooding *	Heather Rose Oatman *
Chahui An	Sarah Diane Green *	Mara Krista Pakalns *
Juliana Barragan Penuela	Alyxis Isabella Victoria Jones *	Alexis Sheridan Lynn Sibley
Emma Anne Bell	Elyse Faith Anne Lattimore	Kayla Elizabeth Stark
Lydianne Rose Bender	Jenna Elizabeth Malcolm	Ella Grace Wickson *
Victoria Emily Byrne	Sarah Mae McCaig *	Destni Fait Wilder
Joshua Duncan Campbell *	Madison Metcalfe	Ava Yepson-Allen *
Gabrielle Regan Davey *	Donna Louise Normand	

Agricultural Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship*

Ronald de Bruin	Nathan Middelkamp	Jacob Vervoorn
Connor Hall	Mckenna Morrison	

* These students have successfully completed the in-class training component for this apprenticeship.

**THANK
YOU!**

APPRECIATING OUR CLASS OF 2024 AWARD DONORS

Our Convocation Awards Program is made possible through the generous support of our donors.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to each donor for continuing to support our graduates!

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Ontario Veterinary Medical Association

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South West Agricultural Professionals

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**Veterinary Assistant & Office
Administration Program**

VCA Canada Animal Hospitals

Veterinary Technology Staff

Weather INnovations Consulting LP

Westag Alumni Association

Awards of Excellence

Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal

Donor: University of Guelph Senate

Recipient: Rachelle Sengupta

The Governor General's Bronze Medal is presented to the student with the highest cumulative average in all University of Guelph Associate Diploma programs.

Best All-Round Student

Donor: The Andersons Canada

Recipient: Lara-Nicole Cochrane

This award is presented to any Associate Diploma student who best combines excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities, and good citizenship. The recipient must have an overall minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Program Proficiency Awards

These awards are presented to the top students in their respective programs, with a minimum cumulative average of 80% at the time of program completion.

Academic Proficiency, Agriculture

Donor: ConAgra Foods Canada Inc.

Recipient: Lara-Nicole Cochrane

Academic Proficiency, Runner-Up, Agriculture

Donor: Corteva Agriscience™

Recipient: Matt Snider

Academic Proficiency, Environmental Management

Donor: Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

Recipient: Kiley Aarsteinsen

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Environmental Management

Donor: Chatham-Kent Public Utilities Commission

Recipient: Ashley O'Connor

Clinton Raceway Prize

Donor: Clinton Raceway

Recipient: Rachelle Sengupta

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Equine Care & Management Diploma

Donor: Equine Care & Management Program

Recipient: Brooklyn Kentfield

Academic Proficiency, Horticulture

Donor: Jean and Phyllis Parsons Memorial Fund

Recipient: Keira Maloney

Academic Proficiency, Veterinary Technology

Donor: **VCA Canada Animal Hospitals**

Recipient: **Claire Stoecker**

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Veterinary Technology

Donor: **VCA Canada Animal Hospitals**

Recipient: **Maggie Dwyer**

Academic Proficiency, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology Alternative

Donor: **VCA Canada Animal Hospitals**

Recipient: **Carla Shaw**

Academic Proficiency, Runner-Up, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology Alternative

Donor: **VCA Canada Animal Hospitals**

Recipient: **Courtney Stainton**

Academic Proficiency, Veterinary Assistant & Office Administration

Donor: **VCA Canada Animal Hospitals**

Recipient: **Sarah McCaig**

Academic Proficiency, Runner-Up, Veterinary Assistant & Office Administration

Donor: **VCA Canada Animal Hospitals**

Recipient: **Sarah Green**



Academic Awards

Ed Bertens Memorial Award

Donor: **The Bertens Family**

Recipient: **Lara-Nicole Cochrane**

This award was first established in 1983/84 by family and friends in memory of Ed Bertens, who passed away in 1983. The award is to stimulate academic excellence and is offered to the student graduating with the highest cumulative average in the Associate Diploma in Agriculture program.

James and Shirley MacDonald Prize

Donor: **James and Shirley MacDonald**

Recipient: **Michael Heaman**

This award is given in recognition of academic excellence in the Associate Diploma in Agriculture program who has the highest cumulative average in non-elective courses.

Chatham-Kent Community Foundation Scholarship

Donor: **South Kent Wind Community Fund, a Donor Advised Fund within the Chatham-Kent Community Foundation**

Recipient: **Kiley Aarsteinsen**

This scholarship is established by the Chatham-Kent Community Foundation and is awarded to a student who is graduating from the Associate Diploma in Environmental Management program and has the highest cumulative average.

Course Awards

These awards are presented to students with the highest cumulative average in the following courses. A student may receive a maximum of two course awards.

Insect and Disease Management

Donor: **Green and Clean Lawncare**

Recipient: **Zakwan Ahmed**

Business Marketing Prize

Donor: **South West Agricultural Professionals**

Recipient: **Rachelle Sengupta**

Keith Dixon Memorial Prize, Agricultural Economics

Donor: **Farm Credit Canada**

Recipient: **Matt Snider**

Human Resource Management

Donor: **Royal Bank of Canada**

Recipient: **Marielle Roos**

Corn and Oilseed Management

Donor: **Bayer Crop Science Canada**

Recipient: **Lara-Nicole Cochrane**

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers – R. H. Brown Memorial Award

Donor: **Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers** Recipient: **Keely Pardo**

Agriculture & Environmental Stewardship

Donor: **Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario
– Chatham-Kent/Essex Chapter** Recipient: **Matt Snider**

Ornamental Plant Protection

Donor: **Ridgetown and District Horticultural Society** Recipient: **Zachary Decloedt**

Swine Management

Donor: **The Dr. J. R. Morris Family** Recipient: **Georgia Minten**

Environmental Project

Donor: **Chatham-Kent Public Utilities Commission** Recipients: **Jack Belleghem**

Clinical Areas (Conventional)

Donor: **Ridgetown Campus Veterinary Technology Staff** Recipient: **Claire Stoecker**

Clinical Areas (Alternative)

Donor: **Ridgetown Campus Veterinary Technology Staff** Recipient: **Carla Shaw**

Anaesthesia

Donor: **Benson Medical Industries** Recipient: **Maggie Dwyer**

Animal Nursing

Donor: **Ontario Veterinary Medical Association** Recipient: **McKinley Rogers
Maggie Dwyer**

Anatomy

Donor: **Elanco Animal Health Canada** Recipient: **Sarah Green**

Veterinary Front Office Management

Donor: **Veterinary Assistant & Office Administration Program** Recipient: **Sarah Green
Sarah McCaig**



Leadership and Community Awards

Dr. Gary Ablett Memorial Prize

Donor: **The Ablett Family**

Recipient: **Lara-Nicole Cochrane**

This award is established in memory of the late Dr. Gary Ablett, former Director, Ridgetown Campus. The award is given to an Associate Diploma in Agriculture student who has a minimum cumulative average of 70%, and has demonstrated leadership abilities while attending Ridgetown Campus.

Chicken Farmers of Ontario Prize

Donor: **Chicken Farmers of Ontario**

Recipient: **Leah Johnson**

This award is established by Chicken Farmers of Ontario to recognize and encourage outstanding students pursuing a career in the broiler meat industry.

Westag Alumni Resilience Award

Donor: **Westag Alumni Association**

Recipients: **Amber Keen
Mohammad Serdar**

This award is given to two graduating students from any Ridgetown Campus program who have overcome (or are overcoming) challenges and adversity in their lives.

Francis and Anne Ouellette Scholarships

Donor: **The Ouellette Family**

Academic / Leadership Awards

Recipients: **Brydon Dickeison
Maggie Dwyer**

These awards are given to students graduating from an Associate Diploma program at Ridgetown Campus with a minimum cumulative average of 80%, and who have participated in extracurricular activities. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership skills as evidenced by involvement in organizations, clubs, and campus athletics.

Production Agriculture Award

Recipient: **Hannah Weiler**

This award is given to a student in the Associate Diploma in Agriculture or Horticulture programs with a minimum cumulative average of 80%, with a career plan in production agriculture.

Agri-Food Industry Award

Recipient: **Georgia Minten**

This award is given to a student in the Associate Diploma in Agriculture or Horticulture programs with a minimum cumulative average of 80%, with a career plan in the agri-food industry.

William and Stan Olson Young Agriculturalist Award

Donor: Shannon Olson

Recipient: Camden Butler

This award was established in memory of William and Stan Olson. This award is given to an Associate Diploma in Agriculture student with a minimum cumulative average of 70% and who plans to work in primary crop production, crop inputs/agribusiness, or crop research.

Robert O'Brien Memorial Award

Donor: The Late Robert O'Brien

Recipient: Keely Pardo

This award was established in memory of Robert O'Brien who enjoyed his career in agri-food. It is given to an Associate Diploma in Agriculture student who intends to own and operate a farm enterprise.

Dr. Ron Pitblado Memorial Scholarship

Donor: Weather INnovations Consulting LP

Recipient: Ashley O'Connor

This award is given to any Associate Diploma student who is further pursuing an undergraduate degree. Preference is given to students with a demonstrated interest in vegetable and/or cash crop production, and/or interest in plant pathology.

Excellence in Conduct and Character, J. Harold Willson Memorial Awards

Donor: J. Harold Willson Scholarship Fund

Recipients: Maria Enter
Kyle Ische

Awarded to two students who best exemplify excellence of conduct and character and have obtained a minimum cumulative average of 70%.

Gray Ridge Egg Farms Prize

Donor: Gray Ridge Egg Farms

Recipient: Logan Parker

This prize was established by LH Gray & Son Limited and is awarded to a graduating student of the Associate Diploma in Agriculture program who has a minimum 70% cumulative average. Selection is based on the demonstration of a strong preference/direction to engaging in egg production. Preference is given to students who have been directly involved in egg production at the farm level.

Ontario Parks Association Award

Donor: Ontario Parks Association

Recipient: Keagan Whittington

An Ontario Parks Association Membership is awarded to a student who has shown a commitment to the environment, and has also demonstrated their dedication to their profession by their respect for green space and our natural heritage.

William Park Carr Scholarship

Donor: Estate of Samuel Leister Carr

Recipient: Marielle Roos

This award is given to an Associate Diploma in Agriculture student who has demonstrated a willingness to assume responsibility and leadership in college and community activities. Preference will be given to candidates, who upon graduation, take an active part in the operation of a farm, both with the management of day-to-day operation and have a capital investment.



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