



OAC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2014

JANUARY 24-25, 2014
ARBORETUM, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

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Dear OAC Leadership Conference Delegates,

On behalf of the planning committee we would like to welcome you to the 2014 OAC Leadership Conference at the University of Guelph! Thank you for joining us this weekend and especially to those who have traveled from our regional campuses.

The planning committee has worked hard to bring together a weekend filled with enthusiastic speakers and interactive workshops. The theme this year is “Acres Of Opportunity” and we hope that we can help inspire you to realize the many opportunities that await you. Throughout the weekend we hope that you participate in the group activities, foster new friendships and build your leadership skills. Most of all we want you to have fun! If you have any questions during the conference, do not hesitate to ask - just look for the committee members in the bright green shirts!

Enjoy your weekend at the Leadership Conference!

Handwritten signatures of Stephanie Campbell and Laura Nanne in black ink.

Stephanie Campbell & Laura Nanne
2014 OAC Leadership Conference Co-Managers

SCHEDULE

Friday, January 24th

5:15 - 5:30 pm	Registration in Arboretum Centre
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Dinner
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Icebreakers & Introduction Darlene Spencer

Saturday, January 25th

9:00 - 9:30 am	Breakfast in Arboretum Centre
9:30 - 10:30 am	Opportunities of Sharing Information Kim DeKlein - OMAF MRA
10:30 - 10:50 am	Break
10:50 am - Noon	True Colours: Personality & Analysis Barry Hannah - GROWMARK
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Team Building Exercises OAC Leadership Committee
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 - 4:00 pm	Taking an Opportunity & Growing a Dream David Baute - Maizex
-	Break - Get Ready For Banquet Please take this time to rest and get ready; Banquet is business casual
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Reception at the Holiday Inn Trillum Room (601 Scottsdale Dr)
6:00 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Welcome From The OAC Dean Dr. Robert Gordon - OAC Dean Endnote Speaker Crystal Mackay - Food and Farm Care

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MEET THE SPEAKERS

Darlene Spencer

Icebreakers & Introduction

Darlene Spencer received a Master of Fine Arts Degree from York University in Theatre Performance and is a graduate of the University of Waterloo Drama Department. She is a director, performer and educator specializing in Performance and Creative Communication.

She has been a director of theatrical productions, documentaries, educational and industrial films for the past 35 years. Darlene is one of the founding members of Single and Sexy and was the Drama Coordinator with the Community Education Team for the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children in the Waterloo Region – both projects committed to theatre for change.

She is the past president of the Board for Inter Arts Matrix, the birthplace of Hybrid Art, an organization that fosters the development of integrated art and is based in Waterloo, Ontario.

Darlene has performed in theatres across Canada, and for television and film. She has many favourite roles, one of which she played Sarah in the film 976 and won the Planet Indie Film Festival Best Supporting Actor award. Darlene is also an educator who has taught at the University of Waterloo and York University. She is the current artistic director of the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts in Toronto.

Crystal Mackay

Endnote Speaker

Crystal is the Executive Director for Farm & Food Care, representing thousands of farmers and associated businesses and providing credible information on food and farming.

Crystal was raised on a beef and dairy farm in the Ottawa Valley. She graduated from the University of Guelph with a degree in Animal Science and Rural Extension. Crystal is also a graduate of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, and the George Morris Centre Executive Development Program.

She is a past President of the OAC Alumni Association, trustee on the Ontario 4-H Foundation and Director of the Poultry Industry Council. She enjoys spending time with her young family and playing hockey whenever she gets the chance!

Kim DeKlein

Opportunities of Sharing Information: Tools & Technique

Kim is currently an Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor in Woodstock covering Oxford and Brant Counties and works with agricultural and rural organizations, municipalities and economic development consultants (eg. chambers of commerce, business improvement associations, etc). She has worked with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), for almost 24 years.

Her key roles in her current position include identifying issues and concerns, establishing networks and coalitions, marketing OMAFRA resources and programs, coordinating services and program deliverables and working to strengthen the rural economy to enable agricultural and rural economic development.

Kim graduated from the University of Guelph in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, and has since received extensive experience in leadership, organization development, facilitation and strategic planning activities internally with government and also with a wide range of community groups. She believes that continuous leadership training for youth and adults is vital for organizational survival and lifelong learning. Kim lives and farms in Mossley on 150 acres south of Dorchester in Middlesex County with her husband Pete and their children; Christopher, Laura, Emily and Julia.

Barry Hannah

True Colours: Personality & Analysis

Barry Hannah is the GROWMARK Ontario Human Resources Manager responsible for providing HR expertise in the areas of government regulatory issues, employee standards, compensation and benefits, performance appraisals and recruitment for approximately 200 GROWMARK employees and for 15 Ontario FS member co-operatives. Barry also manages the GROWMARK Summer Internship Program for the province.

As a secondary role, Barry oversees and provides hands-on professional development training programs for Ontario FS Co-operatives and GROWMARK employees. In the 15 years as a professional development trainer, Barry has facilitated more than 600 courses to over 8,000 people in the FS System and the co-operative sector.

Barry recently concluded his six-year term as a member of the Ontario Co-operative Association board of directors and served as vice president and president during his tenure. Barry has been a strong advocate to promoting co-op education and has served on the Ontario Co-operative Association's Life-long Learning Committee and currently sits on the Human Resources Committee.

While growing up, Barry spent many summers on either of his uncle's farms, (cash crop, and dairy) and also his brother's farm, all in southern Ontario. Barry lives in Brantford with his wife Carol, his only daughter Nicole has since married and left the nest.

Dave Baute

Taking An Opportunity & Growing A Dream

Dave Baute was born and raised on a cash crop farm, just outside of Jeannettes Creek. He graduated from RCAT in 1977 in honors Agricultural Production Management (APM). He then went on to study Crop Science at the University of Guelph where he met his wife Brenda. He then worked as a territory manager for King Grain, eventually becoming a national sales manager. After working at King Grain for 7 years he pursued his goal of taking over the family farm and his dream of starting Maizex Seeds.

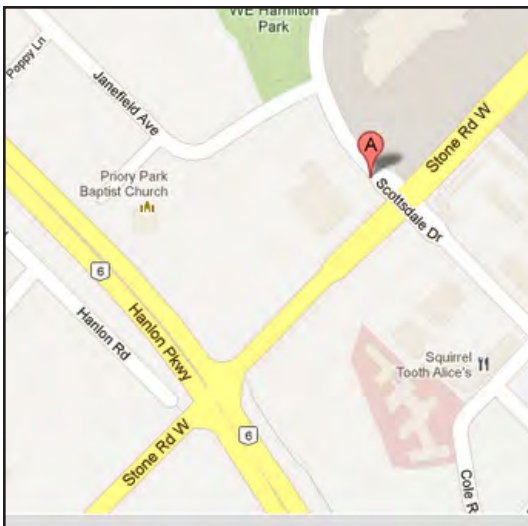
Maizex Seeds started as a seed corn production company producing and marketing hybrid corn for seed companies in the US and Canada. Today Maizex markets under it's own brand over 70 hybrid corn hybrids and a full lineup of soybean varieties and markets across Canada. Maizex has seen and enjoyed tremendous growth and has recently completed a large expansion of it's production facility.

Dave has been recognized for his innovations in seed corn production and is well known in the community. He is currently the Chair of the Agri-Food Foundation University of Guelph, Ridgeway Campus and Vice-President of the Canadian Seed Trade Association. In addition to Maizex Seeds, Dave owns Soix Farms (soy-ex) producing seed crops on over 2000 acres of land.

Dave has been happily married to his wife Brenda for 32 years and has 3 children Nicole, Greg and Kurtis. Brenda is not only his life partner but is the CFO of Maizex.

For full biographies, please visit:

www.oacleadership.uoguelph.ca/index.cfm/speaker-profiles/



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