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Co-chairs named for Laurier Campus fundraising campaign

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BRANTFORD – A leading Brantford educator and a respected local businessman have joined forces to support the opening of a university campus in Brantford. Brendan Ryan and Bruce A.R. Hodgson are co-chairing the Laurier Brantford Campus campaign to raise \$2-million.

"Laurier and the GVES are extremely pleased to receive this kind of endorsement from such prominent members of the Brantford community," said Colleen Miller, chair of the Grand Valley Education Society. "They will be a great addition to the growing support we've been seeing from community leaders, parents, potential students – from just an incredible range of people in and around the city."

Ryan worked as a teacher, principal and school board administrator from 1965 until his retirement in 1998. Projects with which he was involved during that time included the founding of Assumption College and a major addition to St. John's College.

He has held a number of posts with Big Brothers of Brant, the Brantford-to-Boston Run, Brant United Way, the Rotary Club of Brantford, the Lansdowne Children Centre and Brantford CYO Basketball.

Hodgson worked for Gates Canada Inc. for three decades before retiring as vice-president and secretary treasurer in 1994. His other business activities included memberships with the Rubber Association of Canada and the Association for Corporate Growth, and presidency of the Hamilton chapter of the Financial Executive Institute.

He was also involved with Mohawk College, the Brant County Cerebral Palsy Association, Finance Committee of the Brant United Way, Brantford Golf and Country Club, the Brantford General Hospital Foundation and the Rotary Club of Brantford.

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