

LOCAL IMPACT

DeGroot School of Business and BEDC forge strategic partnership

McMaster University's DeGroot School of Business and the Burlington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) have formalized their partnership to bring valuable knowledge and resources to Burlington's business community.

BEDC is signing on as a partner with the school's popular Knowledge @ DeGroot speaker series that brings researchers from McMaster and business leaders from around the world together on-stage in Burlington to deliver insights on a variety of topics.

The fall season kicked off with a talk on generational diversity in the workplace, followed up by a discussion based on research by Catherine Connelly that explains why co-workers keep vital knowledge hidden away.

BEDC will also be collaborating with DeGroot's Executive Education department to create and deliver professional development programs specifically tailored to the Burlington business community.

The full calendar of Knowledge @ DeGroot events, as well as the school's Executive Education offerings, can be found at www.degrooteschool.ca/events.



RESEARCH MATTERS

Chancellor Labarge on why she supports aging research

Researchers and community members gathered at the David Braley Health Sciences Centre in downtown Hamilton in early October to hear from those working on the front-lines of aging.

Living Long, Living Well: A Symposium on the Plasticity of Aging featured more than 30 McMaster and international experts, and focused on the latest research on aging and how to ensure that cities and communities have the information they need to help people live longer and better.

Suzanne Labarge, McMaster's Chancellor, spoke at the event about the impact she's able to make by being a donor.

In 2012, Labarge gave the University \$10M in support of the Labarge Optimal Aging Initiative—a program of interdisciplinary research and a website portal on healthy aging.

“Each donor has his or her own reasons for giving and their own specific interests,” she told the crowd. “The common thread that runs through our giving is that we want to feel that we can make a difference.”

Labarge's full remarks [can be found here](#).



Did You Know? McMaster is a world leader in Aging research

Through various cutting-edge and unique research projects, McMaster scientists are leading the way for studies into aging:

- [The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging](#) is the most comprehensive study of aging ever undertaken in Canada. It is a national, long-term study that will follow 50,000 men and women between the ages of 45 and 85 for the next 20 years.
- [The Labarge Optimal Aging Initiative](#) has funded 12 research projects over the last four years with a focus on mitigating risk and maximizing resilience.
- [The McMaster Optimal Aging Portal](#) is a one-stop shop for seniors, informing them about resources and information on staying active and engaged.
- [The Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging](#) has more than 60 associate faculty members from across the University and focuses on the social and economic dimensions of aging.
- All six of McMaster's faculties have researchers focused on aging.
- In early October, as part of McMaster's *Big Ideas, Better Cities* series, the theme was *Living Long, Living Well: A Symposium on the Plasticity of Aging*. The Symposium focused on the latest McMaster research on aging and featured a keynote talk from Margaret Trudeau.

McMaster remains among top 100 world universities in Times Higher Education rankings

McMaster has maintained its position among the top 100 universities in the world according to the latest Times Higher Education rankings released Wednesday.

The rankings once again place McMaster as one of only four Canadian universities in the top 100.

"These rankings are confirmation that McMaster continues to be one of the world's top universities," said McMaster President Patrick Deane.

"These and other recently-released rankings show that McMaster's teaching is of high quality, its research is ground-breaking, and it attracts and retains some of the best faculty and staff."

The World University Rankings compare world-class universities across all of their core missions—teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. For the 6th consecutive year, McMaster is the second-highest ranked university in Ontario and the fourth in Canada.

Upcoming Events at the Ron Joyce Centre

High Impact Strategic Planning

- October 23, 2015
- 8:30am-4:30pm
- Ron Joyce Centre, South Service Road, Burlington

Emotional Intelligence for Leaders

- October 28, 2015
- 8:30am-4:30pm
- Ron Joyce Centre, South Service Road, Burlington

For more information, please visit: <http://www.degroote.mcmaster.ca/business-community/degroote-seminar->

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