

Media Release

Outstanding University Volunteers Recognized

*2010 Winegard Awards recognize the community contributions of
University of Guelph faculty, staff and students*

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Guelph, ON – The contributions of three outstanding community volunteers from the University of Guelph are being recognized by the United Way of Guelph & Wellington and the Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington.

The annual Dr. William Winegard Exemplary Volunteer Involvement Awards recognize the significant community involvement of a University of Guelph student, staff, and faculty member. They are being awarded today, April 1, 2010, at a ceremony at the University Library.

This year's award winners are:

Dr. Barbara Leslie, DVM, MSc. – Faculty Winner

Barbara is being recognized for her volunteer contributions to a number of local organizations, including her current role on the boards of directors for Hospice Wellington and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. Barbara also volunteers as a Communications Coach with undergraduate veterinary students.

Julie Hutchins – Staff Winner

Julie Hutchins, a staff member with Student Housing Services, is being recognized for her volunteer roles in a cross section of organizations, among Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph, Guelph Soccer and her church, the Church of our Lady. Julie is a giving woman whose legacy is her service to others.

Tin Vo – Student Winner

Tin is recognized for his contributions to the student life and his community. His involvements range from promoting health concerns with the AIDS

Committee of Guelph and St. John's Ambulance Brigade as a medical first responder, to addressing student issues as a partner for the LINK Program, which helps international students transition to life in Canada. Tin is extremely passionate about helping others, and does so with selfless motivation.

Winners were selected from a pool of nominees by Dr. Winegard and volunteer representatives from the University, United Way and Volunteer Centre.

The Dr. William Winegard Exemplary Volunteer Involvement Awards were created in 2007 to highlight volunteerism in the University community.

"With their generosity, Barbara, Julie and Tin are wonderful examples of how volunteers from the University community make real, meaningful contributions to the City of Guelph and Wellington County," says Ken Dardano, Executive Director of the United Way of Guelph & Wellington. "Today's celebration is to thank not only these three worthy volunteers, but all of the University volunteers that make invaluable contributions to our community."

Award winners are to be presented with original art work created by University of Guelph student Tori Drost. The awards will be presented by Dr. Winegard, Mr. Dardano, and Cathy Taylor, Executive Director of the Volunteer Centre.

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**Media are invited to attend the awards ceremony,
3:00 pm, at the McLaughlin Library, University of Guelph.**

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