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UCC STUDENT LEADERS PREPARE TO WELCOME GRADE 9s THROUGH SUCCESSFUL LANCER LINK PROGRAM

For the eighth year, Grade 9 students at Ursuline College will be welcomed to the school by senior student leaders, through the highly successful *Lancer Link Program*.

“*Lancer Link* has been an extremely positive program, through which our senior students connect with, mentor and engage the incoming Grade 9s in ways that help them to be successful in their new school,” says Ray Power, Principal of Ursuline College. “We are proud of the amazing support of our student volunteers and the *Lancer Link* staff representatives, who have helped make this important initiative the great success that it is.”

This week, *Lancer Link* senior student volunteers, who had previously applied to and were selected for the program, will undergo a rigorous two day training program, led by staff. On the third day, they will welcome Grade 9 students at the UCC Orientation Day, which is a fun and purpose-filled day of interactive activities. At the conclusion of Orientation Day, Grade 9 students leave with information and strategies that will help them to successfully transition to high school. They also leave having already met dozens of *Lancer Link* leaders, who are looking forward to welcoming them on the first day of school.

Lancer Link also pairs student leaders with Grade 9 students throughout the school year, for academic help and social follow-ups, to help engage new students in school events.

“Over these past eight years, we have seen *Lancer Link* help to foster a school environment where students are connected to each other, involved and engaged,” says Mr. Power. “It has made a positive difference by helping to create a culture that cares.”

The Lancer Link Grade 9 Orientation Day runs on Thursday, September 1st from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 in the UCC gym, 85 Grand Avenue, W., Chatham. Members of the media are welcome.