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McMaster University celebrates the Grand Opening of the DeGroot School of Business' Ron Joyce Centre today

Hamilton, ON, Oct. 7, 2010 – McMaster University officially opens the DeGroot School of Business Ron Joyce Centre in Burlington, Ontario today. The Centre, located on the South Service Road west of Appleby Line, houses McMaster's MBA and executive education programs.

The Ron Joyce Centre is a four storey 90,000 square foot building housing state-of-the-art classrooms, meeting spaces and lecture facilities. It has been specifically designed to meet the unique educational needs of professional graduate MBA students.

"The City of Burlington and the Halton Region have been instrumental in securing McMaster's commitment to Burlington," says McMaster President Patrick Deane. "Their engagement has allowed us not only to bring the DeGroot School of Business to this dynamic, growing region, but also to advance a more comprehensive partnership between McMaster and the Burlington community."

McMaster's Burlington expansion plan also includes establishing a regional family medicine clinic and resident program and a future affiliation with Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital. In May, the University officially opened the Halton McMaster Family Health Centre on Harvester Road.

The DeGroot School of Business' professional academic programs offered at the Ron Joyce Centre align with the Burlington's and Halton's goals for building a knowledge economy, strengthening the local environment for businesses and attracting new business investment. The City and the Region each invested \$5 million in the Ron Joyce Centre.

"The new Ron Joyce Centre is nothing short of transformational to the City of Burlington," says Cam Jackson, Mayor of Burlington. "Burlington has a vision of long term economic prosperity and our City's partnership with McMaster University is an integral part of that vision."

Philanthropist and businessman Ron Joyce donated \$10 million to the Burlington campus. The land on which the new Centre was constructed was donated by Michael H. DeGroot of Westbury International.

"DeGroot students, faculty and alumni perform at the highest levels and contribute to our local, national and international communities in countless ways. The Ron Joyce Centre will allow us to enhance the student experience, and provide our students with an education that is defined by quality and relevance," says Dean Paul Bates.

McMaster University, one of four Canadian universities listed among the Top 100 universities in the world, is renowned for its innovation in both learning and discovery. It has a student population of 23,000, and more than 147,000 alumni in 128 countries.

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