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## YOUTH FUSION PARTNERSHIP WITH UCC RESULTS IN LANDSCAPING STRUCTURES TO BEAUTIFY SCHOOL CAMPUS

Students in Grade 10 Science and Technology classes at Ursuline College will reveal and present to the school landscaping structures that they have designed and built throughout the year. The work was done in partnership with *Youth Fusion*, an organization which helps to foster student engagement through innovative and meaningful education projects.

"Our work with *Youth Fusion* throughout the 2018-2019 school year has been an amazing and rewarding experience for our students," says Ray Power, Principal of Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School. "With the support of *Youth Fusion* and our staff, the students have created several landscaping structures that will enhance the beauty of the UCC campus for many years to come."

The work is the result of a year-long experiential learning project that took students from the design stage through construction, with the help of *Youth Fusion* Environmental Coordinator Stephanie Howes, and UCC staff Chantal Lucarelli, Chris Halinaty and Trevor Matthews.

The students' work has already been rewarded. At *Youth Fusion's* provincial Education Festival in May, the Ursuline College entry received an 'Excellence of Approach' award.

The students' creations will be officially unveiled at a brief ceremony at the school on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the UCC courtyard. Members of the media are welcome and should report to the Main Office.

Representatives of Youth Fusion will be on hand for the ceremony, including Vivian Lee, Senior Director of Operations and Programming for Ontario; Patrick Lamontange, Program Manager; and Stephanie Howes, Environmental Design Coordinator. Classroom teachers Chris Halinaty, Chantal Lucarelli and Trevor Matthews will also be in attendance.