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WLU tops province in percentage rise
as Grade 13 students choose university

Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU), one of the smaller of Ontario's 15 universities, had the greatest growth of all in percentage growth of Grade 13 (Year 5) students selecting the university they want to attend this fall.

WLU experienced a growth of 29.3 per cent over the year before in first choice applicants--tops in Ontario--according to statistics from the Ontario Universities Application Centre.

Statistics show that 1,088 high school students put WLU as their first choice, up from 841 the year before. Only six universities experienced a percentage growth from the year before. Nine had a decrease.

And WLU also led the province in percentage growth in total applications--up 29.8 per cent over last year. In their three-choice application form 3,416 students named Wilfrid Laurier University, up from 2,649 of the year before.

Only about 1,055 students can be accepted as freshmen. They will be chosen from the Grade 13 applicants, plus a small number of grade 12 specials, adult students, and other categories.