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Laurier grad takes top prize in Canada-wide accounting exam *Gold-medal winner and two other Laurier graduates in Ontario top 20*

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WATERLOO – A graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University’s School of Business & Economics was the top performer in the common qualifying exam for all Canadian chartered accountants. Sarah Hadley won both the Canada and Ontario gold medals and two other Laurier alumni scored among the top 20 in Ontario on the latest Uniform Final Examination (UFE).

Hadley, a former co-op student who is articling at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Kitchener, graduated at the top of her class from Laurier in 2001 with a bachelor of business administration (BBA). She scored a perfect 300 on the UFE, giving her the highest mark on one of the world’s most challenging professional exams. Hadley captured the Governor General’s Gold Medal for placing first in Canada, as well as the Ontario Institute Gold Medal for the highest score in the province.

“This is an amazing accomplishment that is well-deserved, as it recognizes Sarah’s exemplary dedication to demonstrating excellence,” said Dr. Howard Teall, a professor in Laurier’s School of Business & Economics. “We are fortunate in that the School has established a track record of attracting students that excel at a national level.”

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Laurier graduate Annigje Nagelhout (BBA, 2001) of Ernst & Young in Kitchener took ninth place in Ontario, while Christopher McClenaghan (Bachelor of Arts, 2001) of Deloitte & Touche in Kitchener finished in 13th place in the province on the accounting exam.

In the past decade Laurier graduates have won three Canadian gold medals and five Ontario gold medals. Written once a year, the UFE is an internationally recognized test that qualifies chartered accountants to practice public accounting.