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Laurier open house to showcase academics and community spirit *Full day – including transition session – helps prepare students and parents for university*

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WATERLOO – Prospective students and their parents will visit Wilfrid Laurier University this Friday, March 19, for Laurier’s March break open house. The annual event allows them to learn more about a university that many have listed among their top choices.

The day involves a mix of information sessions, booths and open houses – all designed to provide information on topics that include academic programming, student life, admissions and financial aid. Last year, Laurier added a session on making the transition from high school to university and organizers expect it will be among Friday’s more popular events.

“Starting university can be challenging for both the students and their families,” said Glennice Snyder, manager of liaison services. “Many students are away from home for the first time, they’re enjoying new freedoms, they’re responsible for their finances, and their marks usually go down. Two current students will offer their top five tips to help new students and their families cope with all the changes.”

The high school transition session will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre.

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For most visitors, the day will begin in the concourse, where they can pick up a campus map and schedule of the day's events. Campus tours will begin at 10 a.m. and leave from the concourse every hour.

Laurier's faculties of art and science, the school of business and economics, and the department of kinesiology and physical education will run information sessions at various times and locations. Program information will also be available from academic information booths that will be staffed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The faculty of music provides similar information during an open house from 10 a.m. to noon.

Visitors can learn more about admissions, residence and financial aid during a general information session that begins 11:15 a.m. and is repeated at 1 p.m. An information session on co-operative education will begin at 11 a.m. and will be repeated at 1:30.

A residence open house, involving all residence buildings, will run from noon to 3 p.m. Visitors can also learn about Laurier's non-academic life during a student-life fair that begins at 11:30 a.m. in the concourse.

For more information about Laurier's March break open house, including locations and times for all events, please visit www.chooselaurier.ca.