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Laurier honours actor Colm Feore and pollster Darrell Bricker at fall convocation

WATERLOO – Laurier will hold its fall convocation Friday, Oct. 26 at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex, where approximately 1,300 students will convocate. The morning ceremony starts at 9:30 a.m. for graduates of the School of Business & Economics. The afternoon ceremony begins at 2 p.m for graduates of the faculties of Arts, Music, Science, Social Work, Education, the School of International Policy and Governance, the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and Laurier’s Brantford campus.

The university will grant honorary degrees to Darrell Bricker, CEO of Ipsos Global Public Affairs, and renowned actor Colm Feore.

Darrell Bricker appears frequently in the media as commentator on political, social and business issues. He is currently CEO of Ipsos Global Public Affairs, a division of Ipsos, which conducts corporate reputation, social research and political polling around the world. A leader in his field, Bricker has worked as director of public opinion research in the Office of the Prime Minister, and has contributed to our understanding of Canada through his numerous articles, public discussions and best-selling books, including *Canuckology* and *We Know What You’re Thinking*. A Laurier alumnus, he received his BA and MA in political science before completing his PhD at Carleton University. A supporter of Canada’s military, he serves by ministerial appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Queen’s York Rangers, Canada’s most historic regiment. Bricker will receive an Honorary Doctor of Letters at the morning convocation ceremony.

Colm Feore is a multi-talented actor and graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada. He spent 16 seasons as a member of the acting company at the Stratford Festival of Canada, North America’s largest classical repertory theatre. He played many iconic roles, including *Romeo*, *Hamlet*, *Cyrano* and *Macbeth*. He appeared as former prime minister Pierre Trudeau in the critically acclaimed television mini-series *Trudeau*, a role that earned him a Gemini Award, and has had supporting roles in numerous series, including *24* and *The West Wing*. He has also appeared in several Hollywood films, including supporting roles in *Pearl Harbour*, *The Sum of All Fears*, *Paycheck*, *The Chronicles of Riddick*, and most recently, the superhero film *Thor*. Feore will receive an Honorary Doctor of Letters at the afternoon convocation ceremony.

Each of Laurier’s convocation ceremonies will be live-streamed online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/Sep24J>.

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