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Nominations sought for honorary degrees and Order of Wilfrid Laurier University

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University invites members of the Laurier community and the general public to nominate worthy individuals for honorary degrees and for membership in the Order of Wilfrid Laurier University.

Honorary degrees are awarded *honoris causa*, “for the sake of the honour,” and are intended to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions locally, nationally, and globally, such as:

- Leading academics and public intellectuals across the disciplines
- Exemplary leaders in all fields
- Outstanding artists and performers
- Community builders and philanthropists

The Order of Wilfrid Laurier University honours worthy recipients who have a record of exemplary and distinguished service to the university. All members of the university, including those who represent the university in the community, are eligible for nomination. This includes current or former faculty, staff, students, volunteers, and friends of the university.

Neither the honorary degrees nor the Order of Wilfrid Laurier University will be awarded posthumously or in absentia.

Nominations are reviewed by Laurier’s Senate Honorary Degree Committee, which, subject to the approval of Senate Executive Committee, makes recommendations to Dr. Max Blouw, president and vice-chancellor of the university and chair of the Senate Honorary Degree Committee.

Nominations are reviewed at various times throughout the year. But to have a nomination reviewed at the next meeting of the Senate Honorary Degree Committee, please submit it by Friday, Oct. 28. Nomination forms may be found on-line at www.wlu.ca/senate or by contacting the secretary of the committee, Shara Spencer, at sspencer@wlu.ca or 519-884-0710 ext. 2047.