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Laurier to graduate 2,807 students at spring convocation

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will be holding its spring convocation ceremonies at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex June 5 to 7, and on Laurier's Brantford campus June 18 and 19.

As of June 3, approximately 2,807 students had met all program requirements and qualified to graduate. Laurier expects to confer 254 graduate degrees, 2,542 undergraduate degrees and 11 diplomas. On average, 80 per cent of Laurier graduands attend convocation ceremonies. The university will hold five ceremonies in Waterloo and three ceremonies in Brantford.

"Convocation is the most important date on the academic calendar and is personally my favourite time of the year," said University Registrar Ray Darling. "It is so wonderful to see the pride and joy in our students and their supporters as they celebrate this important milestone in their lives."

Honorary degree recipients include distinguished pianist Janina Fialkowska, accomplished corporate leader John Thompson, award-winning novelist Eric Walters and acclaimed advocate for the rights of imprisoned women Kim Pate. The university will also present former board member Mary D'Alton with the Order of Wilfrid Laurier University and past board chair John Ormston with the Distinguished Governor Award in recognition of their outstanding service to the university.

The following ceremonies comprise Laurier's spring convocation on the Waterloo campus. All ceremonies will be held at the Waterloo Memorial Recreational Complex:

Wednesday, June 5, 2 p.m., Faculty of Music and Faculty of Science (Chemistry, Biology, Health Sciences, Kinesiology and Physical Education, Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science, Psychology, and general BA/BSc without designation)

- 45 Bachelor of Music degrees, four Bachelor of Music Therapy degrees, three Diplomas in Opera and Chamber Music
- 224 Bachelor of Arts (honours) degrees, 51 Bachelor of Arts (general) degrees, 171 Bachelor of Science (honours) degrees, 11 Bachelor of Science (general) degrees
- Honorary Doctor of Letters degree recipient: Janina Fialkowska

Thursday, June 6, 9:30 a.m., Faculty of Arts (Communication Studies, Geography and Environmental Studies, Political Science, and general BA without designation)

- 283 Bachelor of Arts (honours) degrees, 205 Bachelor of Arts (general) degrees, one Bachelor of Science (honours) degree
- Order of Wilfrid Laurier recipient: Mary D'Alton

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Thursday, June 6, 2 p.m., Faculty of Arts (Anthropology, combined Biology, Economics and Psychology, Canadian Studies, all Archaeology/Classical Studies programs, Cultural Studies, English and Film Studies, Global Studies, History, Medieval Studies, North American Studies, Philosophy, PPE, Religion & Culture, Sociology, Women's Studies, and all language programs)

- 409 Bachelor of Arts (honours) degrees and 28 Bachelor of Arts (general) degrees
- Distinguished Governor's Award recipient: John Ormston

Friday, June 7, 9:30 a.m., School of Business & Economics

- 365 Bachelor of Business Administration (honours) degrees, 71 Bachelor of Arts (honours) degrees, 10 Bachelor of Arts (general) degrees, eight Diplomas in Accounting and Business Administration
- Honorary Doctor of Laws degree recipient: John Thompson

Friday, June 7, 2 p.m., Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Faculty of Education

- 12 doctorate degrees and 242 master degrees
- 139 Bachelor of Education degrees

The following ceremonies comprise Laurier's spring convocation on the Brantford campus. All ceremonies take place at The Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts.

Tuesday, June 18, 2:30 p.m. (all Laurier/Nipissing BA/BEd programs)

- 201 Bachelor of Arts (Laurier) and Bachelor of Education (Nipissing) double degrees
- Honorary Doctor of Letters recipient: Eric Walters

Wednesday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary Studies single program, Health Administration single and combined programs, Health Studies single and combined programs, Law and Society single and combined programs, Leadership single and combined programs, Youth and Children's Studies program single and combined programs, and general BA without designation)

- 84 Bachelor of Arts (honours) degrees and 79 Bachelor of Arts (general) degrees

Wednesday, June 19, 2:30 p.m. (Contemporary Studies combined program, Criminology single and combined programs, Human Rights and Human Diversity single and combined programs, Journalism single and combined programs, English & History single and combined program, Psychology single and combined programs)

- 161 Bachelor of Arts (honours) degrees
- Honorary Doctor of Laws degree recipient: Kim Pate

Each of Laurier's convocation ceremonies will be live-streamed over the Internet at <http://bit.ly/16vwc4p>.