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Laurier students drive new Yellow Brick Wall exhibit

BRANTFORD –Laurier's Diversity and Equity Office (DEO), in collaboration with Laurier students, will showcase a new art exhibit, **The Diversity Art Series**, at Laurier's Yellow Brick Wall from **March 7 – April 29**.

The series, which is different from previous exhibits because the art is created by students, investigates and discerns a selection of contemporaneous issues experienced by minoritized students and allies on the Brantford campus. The exhibit is part of ongoing efforts to illuminate and archive the narratives of those impacted by systemic inequities.

"Laurier's Diversity & Equity Office strives to foster an atmosphere of equity and inclusiveness," said Lauren Burrows, education and inclusion coordinator. "The Diversity Art Series is a new initiative that serves as a creative outlet for Laurier students to initiate dialogue with their community about creating a culture of inclusion that explores and honours difference."

The DEO Brantford currently houses five student-led advocacy groups including SOUL, Rainbow Alliance, MyRespect, The Women's Centre and The Muslim Students' Association.

Using a variety of mediums, student artists from these groups have interpreted a range of collective lived experiences within a thematic focus. The series offers five unique pieces that will be accompanied by workshops to engage the Laurier community in a dialogue about diversity and equity.

For further information on The Diversity Art Series, click here.

The Yellow Brick Wall is the exhibition venue at the Brantford campus of Wilfrid Laurier University. It is designed to provide appreciation and enjoyment of Canadian art to members of the Laurier community and beyond. The Yellow Brick Wall aims to contribute to the growth of Laurier students, encourage dialogue and reflect the diversity and culture in the Brantford community.

