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Cyberbullying activist Carol Todd to speak at Laurier Brantford

BRANTFORD – On Oct. 10, 2012, Carol Todd, mother of two and an educator for the Port Coquitlam School Board, lost her daughter, Amanda Todd. Amanda took her own life after a never-ending struggle as a victim of cyberbullying, exploitation and relentless bullying in her everyday life.

Carol Todd, now an advocate for cyberbullying and mental health awareness, will be speaking at Wilfrid Laurier University's Brantford campus **March 22 and 23**. The talk, "**Staying Strong Together**," explores the issues of cyberbullying, cyber-kindness, digital footprints, Internet safety and mental health.

"Cyberbullying has become an international problem with the majority of young people having either witnessed, engaged or been harmed by it," said **Danielle Law**, assistant professor in Laurier's Youth and Children's Studies and Psychology programs. "Carol's talk has given direction to policy makers and has motivated young people to stand up for others and to stay strong against adversity."

The event is presented by a partnership between Wilfrid Laurier University, Child and Adolescent Research and Education (CARE) Lab, Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services, Mohawk College, WhyNotYouth Centres, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, the Aboriginal Student Centre and the Amanda Todd Legacy Society.

Todd's talk will be held on **March 22** in the Research and Academic Centre West (RCW), Room 002 from **2:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.** and on **March 23** in the Research and Academic Centre East (RCE), Room 004 from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

An additional event on **March 23**, entitled, "**Staying Strong as a Community: Community members speak to cyberbullying and mental health**," will be held in the multipurpose room of the Student Centre from 2:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. and will include panel of diverse and interdisciplinary community members.

All events are free and open to the public.

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