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150 high school counsellors visit WLU
on 4th annual information day

One-hundred and fifty high school counsellors from across the province were at Wilfrid Laurier University on Tuesday (March 9) for the fourth annual information day for counsellors.

Arthur Stephen, associate director for liaison and admissions, said only 40 counsellors attended the first day four years ago. The number of participants jumped to 60 a year later and 112 last year.

"The number of participants from across the province indicate that the day is proving useful as the counsellors go back to their high schools to advise students on matters of post-high school education," he said.

In a panel discussion, faculty members and business recruiters discussed the continuing value of degrees in arts and science. The success of Laurier graduates in finding good jobs was discussed at another panel.

Counsellors heard about arts and science internships at Laurier--an option that combines regular campus studies with work-related jobs in the summer.

So popular has the program become that the growth of applications to the university have been highest in those arts and science areas offering internships.

Another feature of the day was a look at Laurier business programs. A panel of students in the co-op option discussed their work experiences. Co-op students spend alternating terms on campus and in job placements. Douglas Witmer, co-op director, led the discussion.