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Lunenburg native named alumnus of year at Laurier

Marcia Powers-Dunlop, a native of Lunenburg, has been named alumnus of the year at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.

Powers-Dunlop, who holds two degrees from WLU, was presented with a plaque on Sept. 30 during the university's annual Homecoming celebrations.

The award is presented to an alumnus in recognition of outstanding service to his or her community and/or the university, and/or achievement in his or her career.

As well as serving as president of the alumni association for three terms, Powers-Dunlop has served on every committee of the association's board. Her service has spanned 16 years.

She is also a member of the university's senate and its board of governors.

The daughter of Frank and Roberta (Birdie) Powers received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Waterloo Lutheran University (the forerunner of Laurier) in 1969 and her master's degree in social work from Laurier in 1976.

As a student, she was active in athletics and many other

events. She was editor of the Keystone Year Book and co-ordinator for Winter Carnival.

One of the first people to be inducted into Laurier's athletic hall of fame, Powers-Dunlop has also been recognized twice for her contribution to women's athletics.

She was president of the Women's Athletic Association and served as manager for the women's basketball team.

The Toronto resident is employed as a social worker with the City of York board of education,

Recently elected to the executive of the provincial council of Girl Guides, Powers-Dunlop has received national recognition for her leadership in the organization.

She is also an active member of the Lutheran Church of America.