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*Note: List of regional
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Laurier announces winners of national stock market competition

Waterloo, Ont. (May 22) — Five students from Fraser Lake School in Fraser Lake, B.C., have found one way to beat the recession — and won Wilfrid Laurier University's national stock market competition doing so.

John Brise, Joanna Kelly, Sarah Baker, Louise Hebert, and Dan Gammond will receive a cash award of \$500, individual plaques, and a trophy for the school. One member of the winning team, judged by the teacher to have contributed most to the team, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Laurier.

Winning teams from nine regions will receive \$250, individual certificates, and a school trophy. National and regional awards for Ontario only — from both the spring and fall competitions — will be presented at an awards dinner at the Toronto Stock Exchange on Thursday, June 4.

The Fraser Lake team turned its original stake of \$100,000 into \$116,021.55 over a 12-week trading period that began in February. The money was only imaginary but the competition wasn't as the team topped more than 1,000 others from about 200 schools.

The teachers' challenge — special this year to mark the 20th anniversary of the contest — was won by Dan Hird, a computer teacher at Drumheller Composite High School in Drumheller, Alta. He finished with a portfolio valued at \$114,704.82.

The stock market competition began in 1968 as part of a first-year business program at WLU, was later played by high school students across Ontario, and then went national in 1983.

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Now the largest annual competition involving Canadian high school students, its purpose is to give the contestants a realistic understanding of how the stock market operates in Canada. Teams watch stock market quotations in daily newspapers and use electronic mail to send their buy and sell orders to the university daily. In return, they receive a transaction report that shows their status.

Sandra Kuehl, manager of the competition, says students gain a lot — whether or not their portfolio does. "The competition provides students with fun and an incentive to learn about investing in the Canadian stock market."

Contest sponsors include the TSE, RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Richardson Greenshields of Canada, Star Data Systems, and Bell Canada.

Regional winners are:

Atlantic: Jamie Harris, Michel Doucette, Greg Doucette, Stefan Surette, and Ray Muisse from Ecole Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau in Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau, N.S. \$109,449.06. National ranking: fourth. Teacher: Wendell d'Eon (902) 648-2513.

Quebec: Trevor Watkins and Samia Odeh from Vanier College in Ville St. Laurent, Que. \$106,177.06. National ranking: seventh. Teacher: Wendy Loucks, (514) 744-7551.

Ontario/Western Lake: Matt Robinson from Governor Simcoe Secondary School in St. Catharines, Ont. \$105,732.88. National Ranking: ninth. Teacher: Rick Symczyk, (416) 934-4006.

Ontario/South and West: Ross Strick and Ed Dron from Riverside Secondary School in Windsor, Ont. \$103,325.71. National ranking: 14th. Teacher: Terry Henry, (519) 948-4116.

Ontario/North and East: Jason Moreau, Neil Boushey, Robert Campos, Aldo Bonici, and Rick Glandon from Hillcrest High School in Ottawa, Ont. \$99,434.83. National ranking: 50th. Teacher: Peter Scobie, (613) 733-1755.

Greater Toronto: Jason Campbell, Michael Felton, Craig Baillie, Greg Turfus, and Steve Cassells from North Park Secondary School in Brampton, Ont. \$113,443.77. National ranking: second. Teacher: Chan Maharaj, (416) 456-1906.

Saskatchewan/Manitoba: YenLinh Mach from Lord Selkirk Regional in Selkirk, Man. \$100,821.76. National ranking: 24th. Teacher: Albert Fenske, (204) 482-6926.

Alberta: Peter Cheung and Quynh Nguyen from Bishop Carroll High School in Calgary, Alta. \$107,986.77. National ranking: Fifth. Teacher: Jerry Farwell, (403) 249-6601.

British Columbia/Yukon: Rob Matty, Jon Dykstra, Christine Kariatsumari, Jason Foley, and Rondi Connolly from Yale Secondary School in Abbotsford, B.C. \$95,756.93. National ranking: 183rd. Teacher: Russ Maksymetz (604) 853-0778.

Note: The national winners can be contacted through their teacher, Gerald Brise at (604) 699-6233. The winner of the teachers' challenge, Dan Hird, can be contacted at (403) 823-5171.