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Laurier graduate ranks first in Canada on chartered accounting exam

Waterloo, Ont. (Dec. 6) — For the second consecutive year, a graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University has achieved the highest marks in Canada for the final examination written as a requirement of the chartered accountancy designation.

Dennis Kavelman of Waterloo, who graduated with an honors degree in business in 1993 and is now a corporate finance specialist in the Kitchener offices of KPMG, tied with Katherine Burgoin of Ottawa. He scored 375 out of 400 or 93.75 per cent.

Of the 3,174 who wrote the four, four-hour examinations this September, about 62 per cent from Ontario and 53 per cent nationwide passed.

Paul Van Bakel, who graduated from Laurier in 1992 with an honors degree in economics, ranked first in Canada on the exam in 1993.

Other WLU graduates or accounting students who ranked in the top 20 for Ontario this year are: Alycia-Lynn Calvert of London, an accountant at Ernst & Young in London, (third in Ontario and Canada); Colin McLelland of Waterloo, senior staff accountant with Ernst & Young in Waterloo, (17th); and Murray Perkins of Walkerton, staff accountant with BDO Dunwoody Ward Mallette in Walkerton, (tied for 20th).

In the last six years, at least 21 Laurier graduates and students have ranked in the top 20 for Ontario.

Laurier is the third largest among the four universities identified by Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario as providing the most chartered accountancy students. Among those universities, Laurier has had the highest pass rate for undergraduate, first-time writers of the final examination for the previous five years. It was 76 per cent in 1993 and 81 per cent in 1992.

The School of Business and Economics is one of Canada's leading business schools. It offers a co-operative education option in its undergraduate business and economics programs, Canada's only 12-month MBA program, a master's program in business economics, and a full-time diploma program in accounting.