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Laurier names five winners of prestigious scholarships

Waterloo (Feb. 24) — A Gravenhurst resident is among five students — outstanding for their academic achievement, community service, and extracurricular activities — who will be awarded a President's Scholarship at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Debbie Herrington, who will share one of the four awards with Sarah Brophy of Lucknow, will be honored at a ceremony and concert on campus on Wednesday, March 8. They will receive \$500 each. The other winners are Lori Dickinson of Guelph, Brian Locke of North York, and Lam Ching Man of Waterloo.

Lorna Marsden, president of the university, says it is with pride that the university is recognizing the students. "These students represent the best among a body of students long known for their academic excellence, community service, and whole-hearted involvement in extracurricular activities," she says.

The undergraduate scholarships are awarded to students with outstanding academic records as well as substantial and high quality involvement in student activities, performance, or other creative endeavors. One scholarship is awarded to a graduate student with an outstanding academic record who has been absent from formal education for an extended period of time and has made a significant contribution to society.

Completing the final year of the honors chemistry program, Herrington will have renewed, for the third time, the \$3,250 Centennial-Anniversary Scholarship. The entrance scholarship, for students with an average of 90 per cent or more, is renewable up to three times for a total value of up to \$13,000.

She will also have renewed, for the third time, the \$2,500 Canada Scholarship. It is awarded by the federal government to reward academic excellence and encourage more of Canada's most promising students to choose careers in science and engineering. It is renewable up to three times for a total value of up to \$10,000.

Herrington is a member of the Laurier Christian Fellowship and, for the last two years, has been a member of the Arts and Science Council and a student representative to the chemistry department council. She is also helping to establish an endowment fund to provide specialized equipment for the departments in Laurier's new science building.

She has helped organize special events on campus and coached minor basketball in Gravenhurst during the summer.

A 1991 graduate of Gravenhurst High School in 1991, Herrington is the 21-year-old daughter of Bill and Gayle Herrington of Knister Road in Gravenhurst.

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