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Incoming students discover what university life is like at Laurier

Discover Laurier answers questions and eases transition to university

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WATERLOO – Over 200 incoming students and their parents will stay in residence, eat on campus and participate in student-life activities as part of a program to ease first-year students into life at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Discover Laurier, being held from July 9 to 11, bridges the gap between high school and university by highlighting some of the challenges and opportunities of university life. In addition to campus tours and special events, participants attend workshops and information sessions on a variety of topics including academic choices, career options and personal finance.

"Discover Laurier attempts to bring the entire university experience to new students," said program co-ordinator Nina Gazzola. "The program addresses both academics and student life and helps answer questions before the students arrive. It gives students confidence by helping them prepare and it makes parents more comfortable with leaving their children at university."

Laurier president Robert Rosehart will address participants at the opening ceremonies on July 10. Students will also hear from assistant vice-president: student services David McMurray and WLU Students' Union president Devin Grady. Tupper Cawsey of the School of Business and Economics will deliver a keynote address on the university experience.

Discover Laurier: Schedule of Events

Friday July 9

8:30 p.m.	<i>WELCOME TO RESIDENCE</i> Floor meetings	Clara Conrad Residence 24 hour lounge
9:00 p.m.	<i>FRIDAY NIGHT FESTIVITIES</i> STUDENTS: Billiards PARENTS: Reception	Hawk's Nest Grad Pub

Saturday July 10

8:00 a.m.	<i>REGISTRATION and CAMPUS TOURS</i>	Bricker Residence 24 hour lounge
10:00 a.m.	<i>OPENING CEREMONIES and KEYNOTE ADDRESS</i> University president Robert Rosehart, assistant vice-president: student services David McMurray and Students' Union president Devin Grady welcome students and parents to Discover Laurier. Tupper Cawsey of the School of Business and Economics will give a keynote address on the university experience.	Theatre Auditorium
11:00 a.m.	<i>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</i> A) Avoiding the Budget Blues — Joel Lynn & Pauline Delion B) Career Planning — Nathalie Keens	1E1 P1025/1027
12:00 p.m.	<i>BUFFET LUNCH AND INFORMATION FAIR</i>	
1:30 p.m.	<i>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</i> A) The Big Picture: your university program SBE — Dr. Cheryl Harvey & Dr. Alastair Robertson Arts and Science — Dr. Don Baker Music — Dr. Charles Morrison B) Classes, Essays, Exams — Everything You Need to Know SBE — Dr. Kim Morouney Arts and Science — Dr. Lori Livingston Music — Dr. Charles Morrison	P3007 P2007 A221 P3067 P2067 A221
2:30 p.m.	<i>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</i> (Same as 1:30 p.m. sessions)	
3:30 p.m.	<i>BREAK</i>	
3:45 p.m.	<i>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</i> A) Life as a Varsity Athlete — Martin Kearns B) Information Technology at Laurier — Jeff Kroecker C) International Exchange Opportunities — Karen Strang D) Getting Involved at Laurier — Kara Young & Mark Aiello	P1003 P2007 P2067 P1007
4:45 p.m.	<i>FREE TIME</i>	
6:00 p.m.	<i>RECEPTION and BARBECUE</i>	Quad
8:00 p.m.	<i>CONCERT</i>	Maureen Forrester Recital Hall
9:00 p.m.	STUDENTS: Party at Wilf s PARENTS: Party at the Grad Pub	

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Sunday July 11

7:30 a.m.	<i>BREAKFAST</i>	
9:15 a. m.	<i>STUDENT LIFE SESSIONS</i>	
	STUDENTS: The Roommate Survival Kit	N1001
	PARENTS: A Parent's Guide to Student Life at Laurier	N1002
	STUDENTS & PARENTS: A Guide to Off-Campus Living	N1044
10:15 a.m.	<i>BREAK</i>	
10:30 a.m.	<i>WORKSHOPS</i>	
	STUDENTS: The First Year Experience	N1059, N1058, N1057, N1056, N1053, N1046
	PARENTS: Letting Go — Katherine Elliott & David McMurray	N1002
12:15 p.m.	<i>CLOSING CEREMONIES</i>	Theatre Auditorium