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## York Region students receive Lansdowne Scholarships at Laurier

Richview Collegiate and J.S. Woodsworth H.S. students receive \$3000 each to cover costs

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WATERLOO – Two York Region students are recipients of a limited number of Lansdowne Scholarships at Wilfrid Laurier University. Karen Gosling and Angela Ingratta will receive a minimum of \$3000 each to cover the cost of tuition and compulsory fees.

Created in 1998 through an anonymous donation, the Lansdowne Scholarships are awarded to students who have made a contribution to their school or community through volunteer leadership capacities. Students must also have good academic standing and demonstrate financial need.

"The Lansdowne Scholarships reward students not only for their academics, but for being well-rounded contributors to their community," said Pam Healey, director of development and alumni relations. "All of the students who receive this scholarship have made their communities or schools a better place."

From York, Gosling first received the Lansdowne Scholarship when she came to Laurier from Richview Collegiate in 1998. Now a second-year business student, Gosling plays volleyball at the varsity level and volunteers her time coaching high-school soccer.

Now a fourth-year business co-op student, Ingratta also received the Lansdowne Scholarship for the first time in 1998. At Laurier she has co-ordinated food services for Orientation Week and is a member of the business club AIESEC. From J.S. Woodsworth High School in Toronto, Ingratta also volunteers her time at Thanksgiving, helping with dinners for the needy.

Laurier awards a limited number of renewable Lansdowne Scholarships each year. The maximum value of the scholarships is the cost of tuition plus compulsory fees, provided the student earns a minimum of half of the value of the scholarship. Now in its second year, the scholarship fund has helped 18 Laurier students.

To be eligible for the scholarship, recipients must come from the geographic areas of St. Thomas/Elgin County, Strathroy, Tillsonburg, Wawa, Marathon, White River, Nipigon, Manitouwadge, Terrace Bay, Waterloo Region, City of York or Ottawa-Carleton. Since the scholarship donor is also interested in helping students who have overcome adversity and who may otherwise not be able to attend university, special consideration is also given to students who have been a Crown Ward of a Children's Aid Society, have a serious chronic physical challenge or have been in a residential treatment center.