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Laurier Brantford students introduced to university during orientation
Small campus and number of students contribute to unique identity within Laurier community

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WATERLOO – While their 2,000 counterparts at Wilfrid Laurier University's main campus run through the annual Orientation Week events, some of the nearly 100 students in Laurier Brantford's inaugural class will participate in an orientation of their own.

From September 9 to 11 Laurier Brantford students will receive a campus tour, find out about student resources, discover how to get involved and learn how to cope with classes, essays and exams. Orientation also includes icebreaking activities and social events, which benefit the many Laurier Brantford students from outside the community.

"Orientation is an important part of university, no matter how big or small the campus, because it eases the transition and gives students a chance to build a sense of community," said Nina Gazzola, Brantford Orientation co-ordinator. "The Brantford campus will have an identity all its own, but these students are also a part of the larger Laurier community."

In addition to the academic sessions, community tours and social events, Brantford Orientation includes traditional frosh activities like Shinerama. As part of Saturday's events, Laurier Brantford frosh will join first-year university students across Canada, shining whatever they can to help raise money for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

To introduce them to the Waterloo campus and the rest of Laurier's first-year class, Brantford students will also attend a concert at Lulu's and a football game at University Stadium.

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