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## **Laurier community deals with accident involving eight students**

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WATERLOO – The Laurier community is now dealing with the aftermath of a two-vehicle collision involving eight students – two of whom were seriously injured and are now being treated in Hamilton General Hospital.

David McMurray, assistant vice-president: student services and dean of students, has been in contact with the students involved in the accident and/or their families since Saturday evening. He and president Robert Rosehart are extending the University's full support.

"One of our key goals in this type of situation is to ensure that we offer as much support as we can to people affected by the accident," said McMurray. "That includes the students and families directly involved, as well as those who know the involved students."

Laurier is reacting to the accident by offering counselling support to students in Bouckaert Hall, the residence where the eight students live. The head of Counselling Services met with residence staff on Sunday afternoon and with some of the residents most closely connected to the injured students on Sunday evening. Counselling Services will provide group and individual sessions as required.

Student Services will maintain contact with the families of the injured students for the length of the recovery. The University is asking that all inquiries concerning on-campus reaction to the accident be directed to the Media Relations Office at (519) 884-0710 ext. 3070.