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**Laurier welcomes 3000 students and alumni for annual Homecoming**  
*Four days include Chancellor's Summit, parade and football game against Western Mustangs*

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WATERLOO — Wilfrid Laurier University will overflow with familiar faces next weekend when the University hosts its annual Homecoming celebrations. More than 3,000 students, staff, faculty and alumni are expected at the event, which offers an array of activities for participants of all ages.

Laurier's 72<sup>nd</sup> Homecoming, held from September 28 to October 1, features a parade through the streets of Waterloo, rugby and soccer competitions, an Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, the Dean's Alumni Golf Classic, 10-year and 25-year alumni reunions and a range of evening entertainment. The University has also added its annual Chancellor's Summit on Canadian business issues to this year's schedule.

"Laurier is known for its incredible sense of community and Homecoming is an excellent way to showcase everything from athletics to our outstanding alumni," says Homecoming coordinator John Hilson. "The weekend offers something for everyone and we're really hoping this becomes a community event — not just something for the Laurier community."

The four-day event begins with the Chancellor's Summit on Thursday afternoon. The event gathers leading Canadian CEOs in the Theatre Auditorium to discuss how the new economy is redefining corporate responsibility.

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On Friday, the Dean's Alumni Golf Classic tees off at Foxwood Golf Club at 11 a.m. The Athletic Hall of Fame banquet follows at 6 p.m. at the Walper Terrace.

Saturday continues with a full day of events. During the alumni general meeting at 9 a.m. Sandra Woolfrey will be honored with the Alumnus of the Year award. The Homecoming parade starts at 11 a.m., leaving from University Stadium and winding its way through uptown Waterloo along Ezra and King Streets.

Rugby games against Carleton University and the University of Windsor begin at 1 and 3 p.m. on Willison Field. The football game kicks off at 2 p.m. at University Stadium where the Laurier Golden Hawks will square off against long-time rivals the University of Western Ontario Mustangs.

The University will host alumni reunions for the classes of 1990 and 1975 on Saturday evening. The day also includes a tailgate party, WLUberfest and parties at the Turret and Wilf' s.

Sunday features a parents' day reception at 11 a.m. in the Concourse and a Founders' Reunion Luncheon at noon in the Science Building. The weekend then wraps up with soccer games against the University of Guelph at 1 and 2 p.m.

A complete and detailed schedule of events can be found on the Laurier website at [www.wlu.ca/~wwwalum/homemain.html](http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwalum/homemain.html).