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*Awards ceremony celebrates Laurier Faculty of Science students
Over \$81, 000 in scholarships, bursaries to be presented at first ceremony as separate faculty*

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WATERLOO - Wilfrid Laurier University's Faculty of Science will recognize 55 undergraduate and graduate students who won scholarships and bursaries this year by hosting its first awards ceremony since splitting from the larger Faculty of Arts and Science. It will acknowledge 24 different awards, worth more than \$81,000, in the Science Building Courtyard at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25.

Many of the awards are specific to the Faculty of Science. Others involve university-wide prizes - including general entrance scholarships and the prestigious Garfield Weston Scholars program - that were awarded to science students. A third category includes external awards such as those granted by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

"Laurier has a community of exceptional young people studying in the Faculty of Science, and this event highlights their many diverse talents," says dean Arthur Szabo. "This ceremony not only gives us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students, but also allows us to thank the many family members, faculty mentors and donors who support them."

Several of the donors will attend the ceremony as presenters. The awards being handed out for the first time this year are the Dr. Craig Johannes Bursary, the Elizabeth Wang Mathematics Scholarship and the Husky Injection Molding Systems Scholarship.

While bursaries are granted based on financial need, the majority of the awards are given for academic excellence, extracurricular involvement and leadership ability.

Undergraduate students Hannah Snider, Leigh Silk, Petra Hroch, and Elaine Restorick have earned multiple awards.