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Laurier Faculty of Arts celebrates achievements of top students *University's largest faculty recognizes awards totaling \$54,000 at special ceremony*

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WATERLOO - Wilfrid Laurier University's largest faculty, the Faculty of Arts, will host its first student-awards ceremony since separating from the Faculty of Arts and Science last year. The ceremony, which will be held in the Paul Martin Centre at 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, will recognize 115 undergraduate students.

Faculty of Arts students won 42 awards, scholarships and bursaries this year worth \$54,000. Many of the awards are discipline specific and are granted on the basis of academic excellence, extracurricular involvement and leadership ability. Students being honored as multiple recipients are: Ken Beaubien, Sean Savard, Amanda Witmer, Sharron FitzGerald, Dean Ruffilli, Melissa MacDonald, Shauna Flanagan, Timothy Pettipiece, Steven Jackson, Stephen Connor and Dean Bavington.

"We want to encourage our students to strive to be the best that they can be and we want to show our appreciation for the enormous contributions that they have made to the academic life of the university," says dean Robert Campbell. "This ceremony is also an occasion to thank the many friends and supporters of Laurier, who so generously support these awards. They truly show their commitment to the Laurier mission and to academic excellence."