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## **Homecoming welcomes two distinguished alumni to celebrations** *Paul Heinbecker to deliver keynote and Daniel Andreae honoured as alumnus of the year*

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WATERLOO – Canada’s ambassador to the United Nations and the social worker who successfully lobbied to get his profession accredited are two of the notable alums taking centre stage at Wilfrid Laurier University’s 2001 homecoming celebrations on September 28 to 30. Ambassador Paul Heinbecker will deliver the keynote address at the Waterloo College reunion and Daniel Andreae will be honoured as the alumnus of the year.

“It’s wonderful to have two such distinguished alumni return to Laurier for homecoming,” says Sarah Nadalin, manager of alumni relations and annual giving. “Both the ambassador and Dr. Andreae exemplify graduates who take public service very seriously and have made an impact world wide. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to welcoming them back to speak to alumni and students.”

Heinbecker, who was named Canada’s ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations, will discuss the role and relevance of the UN – and Canada’s role in the UN – at this point in time. Heinbecker will deliver his keynote address to the 100 graduates attending the reunion of Waterloo College (later named Wilfrid Laurier University) that begins at 6:30 p.m. on the Saturday in the dining hall.

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Andreae was named alumnus of the year for 2001 in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of social work. As president of the Ontario Association of Social Workers, he successfully lobbied the Ontario government to pass the Social Work and Service Act, mandating regulations and standards for social workers. Prior to Andreae's lobbying efforts, the field of social work was largely unregulated and Ontario remained the only province to not have any social-work accreditation standards.

Andreae will accept the alumnus of the year award at the alumni annual meeting, which begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday in Laurier's Paul Martin Centre. He will also address first-year students and their parents following a noon luncheon on Sunday in the dining hall.

Andreae received his bachelor of arts in psychology from York University in 1977, a master of social work from Laurier in 1980 and a doctorate in adult education from the University of Toronto in 2000. His work has earned several public accolades, including the Governor General's commemorative medal.

Heinbecker graduated from Waterloo Lutheran University (renamed Wilfrid Laurier University in 1973) in 1965 with a bachelor of arts. Laurier granted him an honorary doctorate of laws in 1993. He joined the Department of External Affairs after earning his BA and has since held numerous posts abroad, including ones in Ankara, Turkey; Stockholm, Sweden and Paris, France.

For more information on these and other homecoming events, please visit the university website at [www.wlu.ca/~wwwalum/homemain.html](http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwalum/homemain.html).