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## Arts awards recognize excellence of students, faculty and family

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WATERLOO – The faculty of arts at Wilfrid Laurier University will recognize 50 of its top students – including the recipient of a new \$7,000 award in French – during its annual award ceremonies. The faculty is celebrating the achievements of students who have earned awards, bursaries and scholarships at 3 p.m. this Thursday in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall.

The ceremony will mark the first time the faculty has awarded the Marjorie H. Brown Endowment Fund for French. Jackie Rutherford Constable earned the award, which includes a \$7,000 prize, by graduating with the highest marks in the honours French program.

The faculty will also present the first Faculty of Arts Teaching Scholar Award, designed to reflect the importance of teaching in the liberal arts. Cynthia Comacchio, a professor in the history department, is the first recipient.

“This event allows us to recognize the significant accomplishments of those students who really apply themselves – and as a result excel – in Laurier’s largest faculty,” says Robert Campbell, dean of arts. “It also lets us recognize the faculty members, families and friends who have supported the students and professors, thereby helping all of us succeed.”

The 50 students recognized at the ceremony are receiving 57 awards worth over \$40,000. The awards include new prizes in each of the faculty’s innovative interdisciplinary programs – Canadian studies, film studies, fine arts, global studies, urban studies and women’s studies.