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Laurier vice president recognized for extraordinary contribution

Arthur Stephen received the CCAE outstanding achievement award at gala banquet

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WATERLOO – Laurier’s vice-president: university advancement is being recognized as a Canadian leader in university external relations. Arthur Stephen has been named the 2003 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Advancement Award from Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAЕ).

The award is the CCAЕ’s highest honour and is given annually to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the field of institutional advancement over a number of years. Stephen received his award at a gala banquet last week during the CCAЕ annual conference being held in London, Ontario.

“Arthur Stephen has had a significant impact on the field of university advancement and deserves this recognition,” said Laurier president and vice-chancellor Robert G. Rosehart. “He has played an integral role in making Laurier one of the top universities in the country.”

Stephen is currently serving his second term as Laurier’s vice-president: university advancement, a division that oversees alumni relations, development (fundraising), liaison services (student recruiting) and public affairs.

An active member of the CCAЕ since 1990, he was elected to a one-year term as president in 1998 and began coordinating CCAЕ’s Canadian Professor of the Year program. Stephen has consulted on advancement issues for universities across North America and Europe.

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He has also won numerous national and international awards throughout his career from CCAE, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in the United States, the Houston Film Festival and the International Film Festival of New York for advancement programming, publications and films/video.

In 1994, Stephen became the first Canadian to be honored with the prestigious Steuben Apple award from CASE. He is currently one of only two Canadians sitting on the CASE commission on Philanthropy based in Washington, D.C.

Since graduating from Laurier in 1973, Stephen has held numerous positions with the university, beginning as an assistant admissions officer in the registrar's office and rising to become director: admissions. He was named director: office of institutional relations in 1983 and assistant vice-president: university relations in 1994. He was then named interim vice-president: university advancement when Laurier's board of governors created the new vice-presidency in 1996 and was appointed as the first vice-president: university advancement the following year.