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Discover Laurier offers new students a glimpse of university life *Prepares first-year students and their families for post-secondary transition*

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WATERLOO – Incoming students and their parents will learn what to expect from university life as Laurier hosts Discover Laurier, a day of family orientation, on Friday, July 16. Participants will spend the day preparing for the changes and challenges common to making the transition from high school to higher education.

In order to make the first-year transition less daunting, students and their parents will preview university life through seminars, tours and other activities. The seminars will cover such topics as academics, residence life, community activities and university transition.

Organizers have added a new workshop to this year's schedule. Money Matters will address student financial concerns and offer insight into financial assistance, student budgeting and strategies for paying for a university education.

“Discover Laurier offers students and their parents the perfect opportunity to better understand what the next few years will bring,” said Sheri Papps, co-ordinator of Discover Laurier. “By becoming familiar with the campus and seeing what resources are available to them, students are able to make a smoother transition to university life. They and their parents will feel more comfortable when a new and exciting phase of life begins in September.”

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To get a head start on the school year, students learn how to purchase their textbooks on-line and can pick up their multi-purpose OneCard. Laurier alumni will attend to discuss how to successfully balance academic and social activities, and to explain where their degrees have taken them.

A student services fair will feature career services, the co-op office, the special needs office, Laurier international, athletics and recreation, residence life, food services, the writing centre, campus security, the library, health services, counselling services, the chaplains' office, student awards, the bookstore, the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union as well as the cities of Waterloo and Kitchener. There will be library tours to show students the many resources available to them and many of the on-campus residences will be open.

The event is free, though participants are encouraged to register. Students who register in advance at www.chooselaurier.ca will be eligible to win a prize valued at \$250 from the Laurier bookstore.

Information packages, including a schedule for the day and a campus map, can be picked up on the second floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The schedule is also available at www.chooselaurier.ca.

Students and parents interested in sampling residence living can book an overnight stay for only \$30 by contacting Hotel Laurier at (519) 884-0710, ext. 2771.

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