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Alumni association launches workshops on post-university success *First Backpack-2-Briefcase seminar will focus on Wise Use of Credit*

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WATERLOO – The Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association (WLUAA) is launching a new series of workshops designed to help students make the transition into a successful post-university life.

The Backpack-2-Briefcase seminars will help students develop life skills. The first one, entitled Wise Use of Credit, will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, in Laurier’s concourse area.

“We see this as an opportunity to help all students – whether in their first year of study or their last – acquire skills crucial to succeeding in life,” said Nigel Vanderlinden, a board member with the association. “It’s part of our mandate to foster alumni interaction with students, the university and the community.”

The seminar is a joint initiative between the alumni association and BMO Financial Group. The two organizations selected the topic after a BMO student survey found that many students were unfamiliar with the implications of a credit rating. The seminar will include information on budgeting and the importance of paying the minimum balance owed.

The WLUAA is a separately incorporated organization that serves as Laurier alumni’s official voice. The role of its board is to research, design, implement and manage programs and services to broaden the alumni base and strengthen ties to the university.