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Laurier Day introduces prospective students to university life *Annual open house lets families explore university before making important choice*

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WATERLOO – High-school students interested in attending Wilfrid Laurier University next fall can get a preview of what the university has to offer during its annual fall open house. The university community expects to welcome more than 1,500 visitors during Laurier Day this Friday.

High-school students and their parents will learn about academic programming and sample life on Laurier's Waterloo campus. They will attend information sessions on the department, faculty or school of their choice, tour residences, experience aspects of student life, and discover the campus they may call home over the next few years.

"It's important that students and families research their university options in order to find the best fit," said Glennice Snyder, manager of liaison services. "Laurier Day is designed to show them what we can offer. Experiencing our campus spirit, touring our new facilities and learning more about our academic programs helps many students decide that Laurier is right for them."

Laurier Day begins at 9:30 a.m. in the concourse of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. Visitors can pick up a schedule of events, which includes a campus map and other information to make the visit a success. Tours will leave from the concourse throughout the day, beginning at 10 a.m.

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A series of academic sessions – covering programs in arts, science, and business and economics – will begin 9:30 a.m. and be repeated at 12:30 p.m. The faculty of music will host an open house from 10 a.m. to noon and offer a free concert from noon to 1 p.m.

Visitors can speak to faculty and students during an academic information fair from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A student-life fair, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will offer a look at life outside of the classroom. Information sessions on Laurier’s new learning services, designed to help students make the transition to university and succeed, will begin at 10:45 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m.

The first of two sessions on co-operative education will begin at 11 a.m. and will be repeated at 1:30 p.m. Sessions on the admissions process, financial aid and applying to residence will begin at 11:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m.

A general information session, during which a recent graduate will draw on her experience to outline the reasons for choosing Laurier, will begin at 2:30 p.m. She will offer an overview of the university, its academic programs, its strengths and the reasons behind its reputation for academic excellence.

A residence open house will run from noon to 3 p.m. Visitors can tour single-room, double-room and apartment-style accommodations and see the facilities available with each version.

A full list of events and an online registration form are available at www.chooselaurier.ca.

There is no cost to attend Laurier Day. However, parking is limited and early attendance is encouraged.