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Open house gives prospective students glimpse into life at Laurier

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will showcase its academic excellence and student-centred environment during the annual March break open house on Friday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The open house will give potential students and their parents a first-hand opportunity to learn about academic programs, admissions, financial aid, athletics and student life. Laurier faculty, employees and students will staff information booths, participate in information sessions and offer guided tours of campus and residences. The university will also offer its popular session on making a successful academic, personal and social transition to university from high school.

“Starting university is a major change for students and their families,” said Lise Pedersen, acting liaison manager. “Many students are away from home for the first time. They enjoy new freedoms, but they also have new financial and academic responsibilities. During our student success sessions, current students will draw from their own experiences and offer tips on how to cope with all of the changes.”

Morning and afternoon academic sessions will outline Laurier’s arts, science, business, economics, global studies, kinesiology and psychology programs. The arts and science academic information fair and the business and economics information fair will give potential students the chance to speak directly with faculty, students and staff in all departments. Separate co-op sessions will outline co-op opportunities available in arts and

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science and business and economics. Visitors can also experience photonics and chemistry demonstrations.

Open houses throughout the day will give prospective students the chance to tour the university's many facilities, including: residence buildings, athletics facilities and the Faculty of Music. The Faculty of Music will also offer a free concert at 10 a.m.

The student-life fair will showcase Laurier's campus clubs, services and organizations that support and enhance student life outside of the classroom.

The day will begin in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre concourse at 9 a.m., where visitors can pick up a schedule of the day and a campus map, and join hourly campus tours. For locations and times of all events, or to register for Laurier's March 16th open house, please visit www.chooselaurier.ca and click on the March Break Open House link, or contact Lindsay Scott: 519-884-0710 ext. 3101 or lscott@wlu.ca.