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### **Laurier student advances to national entrepreneur competition**

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WATERLOO — Kevin Downe, a young entrepreneur in the double-degree business and math program offered through Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo, has been named one of two Central Canada regional champions in the 2007 Student Entrepreneur Competition.

Downe, who was previously named an Ontario champion, now advances to the national Student Entrepreneur of the Year competition, sponsored by Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) and supported by CIBC Small Business.

The national event, which requires participants to deliver a 20-minute presentation followed by a question-and-answer session, takes place May 7-9 in Toronto. The top winner receives a \$10,000 cash prize and will be named the 2007 Student Entrepreneur of the Year.

Downe started a student-tutoring business, **Mind Over Math**, in 2003 as a way to make some extra money during the summer. To date, his company has **tutored more than 250 elementary and high school students**. As a full-time student in the innovative business-and-math program offered by Laurier in partnership with UW, Downe combined his passions for both teaching and business.