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Laurier to graduate largest number of students in university's history

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WATERLOO – Nearly 2,500 students will officially graduate from Wilfrid Laurier University during six convocation ceremonies June 6-13. This year's convocation represents the largest group of graduating students in the university's history, as the double cohort students complete their undergraduate programs.

By 4 p.m. yesterday, 2,472 students had met all program requirements and qualified to graduate. Laurier expects to confer 184 graduate degrees, 2,261 undergraduate degrees and 27 diplomas. On average, 80 percent of Laurier graduands attend convocation ceremonies. The large number of students graduating this year necessitated an increase in the number of ceremonies to six from five last year.

"Convocation is a moment of pride for students, along with their family and friends, as they celebrate their academic achievements," said Laurier's acting registrar, Glennice Snyder. "Many of them will treasure this milestone for years to come."

Laurier's spring convocation ceremonies:

Faculty of Graduate Studies

- ∞ Wednesday, June 6, 1 p.m., Laurier's Athletic Complex
- ∞ Four doctorate degrees; 180 master's degrees
- ∞ Honorary Doctor of Laws degree: The Hon. James K. Bartleman, a member of the Mnjikaning First Nation and Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor

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School of Business and Economics

- ∞ Thursday, June 7, 10 a.m., Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex
- ∞ 350 Bachelor of Business Administration degrees, 58 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees (economics), 23 general Bachelor of Arts degrees (economics), and 23 diplomas
- ∞ Honorary Doctor of Letters degree: Fred Kuntz, editor-in-chief of the Toronto Star

Faculty of Music and Faculty of Science

- ∞ Thursday, June 7, 1:30 p.m., Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex
- ∞ 55 bachelor's degrees and four diplomas from the Faculty of Music
- ∞ Faculty of Science: 391 Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business and Science, and Honours Bachelor of Science degrees, and 72 general Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees
- ∞ Wilfrid Laurier University Award for Teaching Excellence: Nora Znotinas, professor of physics and computer science
- ∞ Honorary Doctor of Letters degree: Gordon Greene, former dean of Laurier's Faculty of Music

Faculty of Arts

- ∞ Friday, June 8, 10 a.m. (general program) and 1:30 p.m. (honours program), Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex
- ∞ 252 general Bachelor of Arts degrees and 785 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees
- ∞ Wilfrid Laurier University Award for Teaching Excellence for part-time faculty: Marshall Ward, fine arts instructor (morning ceremony)
- ∞ Honorary doctor of letters degrees: Susan MacFarlane Burke, manager/curator of the Joseph Schneider Haus, Kitchener (morning ceremony); Geoffrey Stevens, Canadian journalist and adjunct professor of political science at Laurier (afternoon ceremony)

Laurier Brantford

- ∞ Wednesday, June 13, 1 p.m., The Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts
- ∞ 103 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees and 172 general Bachelor of Arts degrees
- ∞ Honorary Doctor of Letters degree: Mike Duffy, Ottawa editor for CTV NewsNet, and host of CTV's Sunday Edition