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### **High school team from Chatham wins Laurier stock market competition**

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WATERLOO – A team from Ursuline College in Chatham, ON has won the winter 2007 National Secondary School Stock Market Competition organized by Wilfrid Laurier University.

The team, comprised of students Katherine Laycock, Amy Racz and Alyssa Fisher, turned their virtual \$100,000 starting fund into a portfolio worth \$158,835 in just 10 weeks.

An early purchase of Research in Motion Ltd. put-options quickly added gains to the team's portfolio. Steady gains were made over the course of the competition with call-options on Husky Energy, Cameco Corp. and Teck Cominco. The team's first trade ended up adding more than \$14,000 to its account as members used their margin account to purchase shares in Pinetree Capital Ltd. Additional purchases in Crystallex International Corp. and Moly Mines Ltd. on margin added another \$30,000 to their portfolio and secured the win. Advising teacher Warren Seton can be reached at (519) -351-2987.

“The stock market competition is intended to help students become informed investors, aware of the investment tools available to them, and aware of the need to set investment objectives for lifelong investing ” says Sandra Hughes, director of Laurier's national stock market competitions. “Success requires work and research. These students did their homework and it certainly paid off.”

Regional winners are:

Ontario (Toronto) – Richview Collegiate Institute, Toronto, ON. Student Christopher Cunningham's final portfolio value was \$145,422. Advising teacher Ryan Sloan can be reached at (416) 394-7980.

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Ontario (Greater Toronto Area) – Hillfield Strathallan Colledge, Hamilton, ON. Students Bobby Camporese and Calvin Li finished with a portfolio of \$129,182. Advising teacher Mark Ryall can be reached at (905) 309-1367.

Ontario (North and East) – Mackenzie High School, Deep River, ON. Student Jacqueline Briden finished with a portfolio of \$107,943. Advising teacher Suzanne Dunford can be reached at (613) 584-3361.

Ontario (South and West) – Holy Names High School, Windsor, ON. Students Kory Martyniuk, Iryna Lozynsica, Ourian Oraha and Sonia Filice finished with a portfolio of \$118,374. Advising teacher Fabio Muscedere can be reached at (519) 966-2504.

Eastern Canada – Three Rivers Academy, Trois-Rivieres, QC. Students Melyssa Giguere, Emilie Roberge, Jinnie Jette, Amelie Laverdiere and Jane Smith finished with a portfolio of \$116,944. Advising teacher Steve Osterman can be reached at (819) 375-2332.

Western Canada – Thomas Haney Secondary School, Maple, BC. Student Mundeep Singh Gill finished with a portfolio worth \$118,466. Advising teacher Jamie Scoular can be reached at (604) 463-2001.

The Huntley McKay award – Holy Names High School in Windsor, ON. Team members: Miguel Belcina, Kial Zemnick, Andrew Corrado and Crystal Massoud. Advising teacher Fabio Muscedere can be reached at (519) 966-2504. The \$500 Huntley McKay award goes to the team from the fall or winter competition that best embodies the spirit of the competition by fully participating in active trading and experimentation with a range of investment strategies.

The winter competition ran from February 19 to April 27 and included 625 teams from 80 schools. As the national winner, the Ursuline College team will receive \$500 and a scholarship to Laurier worth \$1,000. The competition also awards the first-place team from six different regions \$250; second-place teams earn \$100 and third place is worth \$50.

Laurier offered its first stock market competition in 1972 and now runs them at the high school, university/college and MBA levels. Held twice each year, the national competitions teach participants about investing as they monitor stock quotations, submit daily trade requests and view their portfolios online.

For more information on Laurier's stock market competitions, please visit the website at <http://invest.wlu.ca>.