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Laurier to graduate over 1,000 students at fall convocation

Michael Lee-Chin and Sheila Watt-Cloutier to receive honorary doctorates

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will bestow 1,008 degrees and diplomas during fall convocation today. The university will confer 276 graduate degrees, 715 undergraduate degrees and 17 diplomas in two ceremonies that will take place at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex on Father David Bauer Drive.

The 10 a.m. ceremony will be for graduates of the School of Business & Economics. Businessman and philanthropist Michael Lee-Chin will be receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

The afternoon ceremony, which starts at 2 p.m., will be for graduands of the faculties of arts, music, science, social work, education and graduate studies, as well as graduands from the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and Laurier Brantford. Environmental activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Psychology professor Dr. Eileen Wood will be recognized with the 2008-09 University Research Professor Award and Chi-Hang Kent Lam, who is being conferred with a Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology, is this year's recipient of the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal.