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## **Maclean's magazine ranks Laurier first in its category in Ontario**

WATERLOO — Wilfrid Laurier University has again earned top marks in the annual Maclean's ranking of Canadian universities, placing first in Ontario and fourth in the country among primarily undergraduate universities, and improving in a number of other key categories.

Laurier placed in the top three in its category nationally for best overall, highest quality, most innovative, and overall reputation. Laurier was ranked No. 1 for highest quality among primarily undergraduate universities in Ontario, and placed in the top three in its category provincially for best overall, most innovative and leaders of tomorrow.

"Laurier continues to excel and show improvement in the most important categories," said Laurier president Dr. Max Blouw. "These rankings confirm that Laurier has a well-deserved reputation among students for providing a high-quality education and an exceptional university experience."

In the primarily undergraduate category, Laurier improved in many areas, including: overall reputation, best overall, most innovative, leaders of tomorrow, number of faculty awards, and the amount spent on student services as a percentage of the university budget. Laurier again ranked third for medical/science grants for faculty.

In terms of student satisfaction measures reported in the rankings issue, first-year and senior Laurier students who participated in the 2008 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) both rated Laurier above the NSSE average in terms of their entire educational experience.