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Laurier to graduate 2,533 students at its 2010 spring convocation

WATERLOO –Wilfrid Laurier University will be holding its spring convocation ceremonies on the Waterloo campus June 7 to 11.

As of June 4, approximately 2,533 students had met all program requirements and qualified to graduate. Laurier expects to confer 265 graduate degrees, 2,254 undergraduate degrees and 14 diplomas. On average, 80 per cent of Laurier graduands attend convocation ceremonies. Laurier will hold 10 ceremonies in Waterloo and two ceremonies on the Brantford campus on June 23.

"Convocation is a moment of great pride for our whole community as we celebrate the academic success of our students," said university registrar Ray Darling. "Many of our students will treasure this milestone for years to come."

Honorary degree recipients include Vera Good, groundbreaking educator and first executive producer of *Polka Dot Door*; Wayson Choy, novelist, memoirist and short-story writer; Francis Pang, entrepreneur and philanthropist with a passion for education and Canada-China cultural relations; and Buffy Sainte-Marie, award-winning singer-songwriter and advocate for aboriginal rights and education.

The following ceremonies comprise Laurier's spring convocation on the Waterloo Campus. All ceremonies will be held at the Laurier Athletic Complex:

Monday, June 7, 2 p.m., Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

- 13 doctorate degrees, 252 master's degrees and one diploma

Monday, June 7, 7 p.m., Faculty of Education and Faculty of Music

- 130 Bachelor of Education degrees, 53 Honours Bachelor degrees and one diploma for the Faculty of Music
- *Honorary Doctor of Letters degree recipient: Vera Good*

Tuesday, June 8, 9:30 a.m., Faculty of Science

- Biology and Psychology
- 104 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees, 75 Honours Bachelor of Science degrees, 27 General Bachelor of Arts degrees and Bachelor of Science degrees

Tuesday, June 8, 2 p.m., Faculty of Science

- Chemistry, Computer Science, Computing & Computer Electronics, Financial Mathematics, Health Sciences, Kinesiology & Physical Education, Mathematics, Photonics & Physics, General Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science without designation
- 98 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees, 83 Honours Bachelor of Science degrees
- 33 General Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees

Wednesday, June 9, 9:30 a.m., Faculty of Arts

- Students whose first major is Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Economics (Arts combined), Languages, Mediterranean Studies, Philosophy, PPE (Arts combined), Religion and Culture and General Bachelor of Arts degrees without designation
- 69 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees and 90 General Bachelor of Arts degrees

Wednesday, June 9, 2 p.m., Faculty of Arts

- Students whose first major is English/Film Studies and History
- 190 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees and 48 General Bachelor of Arts degrees
- *Honorary Doctor of Letters recipient: Wayson Choy*

Thursday, June 10, 9:30 a.m., Faculty of Arts

- Students whose first major is Archaeology/Classical Studies and Communication Studies
- 187 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees and 64 General Bachelor of Arts degrees

Thursday, June 10, 2 p.m., Faculty of Arts

- Students whose first major is Canadian Studies, Geography and Environmental Studies, Global Studies, North American Studies, Political Science, Psychology (Arts combined), Sociology
- 209 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees and 59 General Bachelor of Arts degrees; two Honours Bachelor of Science degrees

Friday, June 11, 9:30 a.m., School of Business and Economics

- Bachelor of Arts, Honours Economics and all Business Diplomas
- 60 Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees (Economics), 29 General Bachelor of Arts degrees (Economics) and 12 diplomas

Friday, June 11, 2:00 p.m., School of Business and Economics

- Honours Bachelor of Business Administration, Honours Bachelor of Business Administration/Honours Bachelor of Science
- 285 Honours Bachelor of Business Administration degrees and two double degree Honours Bachelor of Business Administration/Honours Bachelor of Science degrees
- *Honorary Doctor of Laws degree recipient: Francis Pang*

The following ceremonies comprise Laurier's spring convocation on the Brantford campus. Both ceremonies take place at The Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts.

Wednesday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.

- 233 Bachelor of Arts degrees

Wednesday, June 23, 2:30 p.m.

- Laurier/Nipissing Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education programs
- 119 Bachelor of Arts(Laurier)/Bachelor of Education (Nipissing) degrees, 21 Master of Education degrees (Nipissing), and one consecutive Bachelor of Education (Nipissing) degree
- *Honorary Doctor of Letters degree recipient: Buffy Sainte-Marie*