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Laurier Brantford joins Ontario Colleges Athletics Association for varsity athletics

BRANTFORD – Blair Webster, executive director of the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA), announced today that Laurier Brantford has joined the OCAA, effective May 1, 2011.

Laurier Brantford will begin competing in the 2014-15 season in men's and women's soccer, followed the next season by men's and women's basketball.

"Joining the OCAA provides the opportunity to develop strong varsity athletic programming for Laurier Brantford students," said Greg Stewart, manager of athletics and recreation in Brantford. "We also look forward to continuing our strong partnerships with local organizations including CYO and Briers Basketball, Brantford Galaxy and Brantford City Soccer, The Tournament Capital of Ontario and Brantford Sports Council."

Laurier Brantford will join 30 OCAA member institutions, including Algoma University College, Nipissing University, Redeemer University College, and Trent University.

The OCAA oversees 15 varsity sports, nine league sports and six tournament sports. In nine of these sports, the provincial champions go on to compete in national championships. In addition, OCAA member institutions compete in over 30 extramural club sport events and organize over 500 intramural on-campus sport events.

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association governs intercollegiate sport and promotes physical activity in its member institutions through quality athletic and campus recreation programs. The association seeks to create an environment that promotes academic success, provides a forum for personal development, complements the educational experience, and enhances student life.

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