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Multicultural gala at Laurier's Brantford campus to shine light on international students

BRANTFORD – Wilfrid Laurier University's Brantford campus will host its first **Multicultural Gala March 18** to showcase the culture, achievements and successes its international students. The gala will involve cultural trivia, musical and dance performances, a multicultural dinner, information boards, a photo booth and an awards ceremony.

Presented by Laurier International in partnership with the Diversity and Equity Office, the gala is an avenue for international students to connect with Canadian students while also celebrating their culture. While the campus atmosphere is welcoming and accepting of diversity, there are limited opportunities for students to build their networks and be exposed to different traditions.

"Event's such as these help everyone in our community to connect and learn from each other," said **Teeba Alsafar**, international student advisor at Laurier International. "We are excited to have Laurier students, staff and faculty attend this event and show our international students that we are all here to support and celebrate their achievements."

The awards ceremony will recognize international students who have shown academic achievement as well as community involvement. Awards will also distinguish students and faculty who have been involved in global issues on campus and have been allies to international students and their needs.

The gala will be hosted at the Market Square and Freedom House (1 Market Place) **Friday, March 18**. Doors open at **6:30 p.m.** with dinner beginning at **7 p.m.** Attendees are asked to wear semi-formal attire with traditional attire welcome.

Tickets for students, staff and faculty are \$10 and available at the U-Desk or online at <http://tickets.yourstudentsunion.ca/>.

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