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More students choose Laurier for second straight year

Number of Ontario high school students who have accepted admission rises 7.4%

WATERLOO – The number of Ontario high school students who have accepted an offer of admission for full-time first-year studies at Wilfrid Laurier University has increased for the second straight year, rising 7.4 per cent over 2015, according to data provided by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre.

Laurier is one of only five Ontario universities to demonstrate growth in confirmations from Ontario high school students in each of the last two years. Laurier also has the highest two-year rate of growth among Ontario universities for high school confirmations over the same period. As well, Laurier experienced a 16.5 per cent increase in the number of confirmations from high school applicants who made Laurier their first choice — the largest increase in first-choice confirmations of any university in Ontario.

As of June 1, the number of Ontario high school students who had accepted an offer of admission for first-year studies at Laurier was 4,001 — up 274, or 7.4 per cent, over the same time last year. Confirmations were strong across Laurier's Waterloo and Brantford campuses.

"The confirmation numbers show that Laurier continues to be a top choice for students looking for excellent academics, relevant programming and an exceptional student experience," said **Deborah MacLatchy**, provost and vice-president: academic. "Our commitment to introduce innovative programs and to integrate academic and experiential learning continues to attract high-quality students."

Laurier has introduced a number of innovative academic offerings this year. These include a program that allows students to earn an Honours BA from Laurier and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Sussex in the UK; a management option for students in the faculties of Arts, Science and Music and the department of Economics; and a Bachelor of Music degree in Community Music; among other new programs.

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