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Laurier remains a top choice for prospective students as first-year applications grow for third year in a row

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University continues to be a top choice for students seeking an outstanding, high-quality university experience, according to application numbers released by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC).

The number of applications from Ontario high school students who applied to Laurier for full-time studies by Jan. 11 rose 8.8 per cent over last year, compared to the provincial system-wide increase of 2.4 per cent.

Ontario applicants who are no longer in high school, along with domestic and international applicants from outside of Ontario, have until May 1 to apply to Ontario universities. As of Jan. 11, the number of these first-year applications to Laurier has increased 30.2 per cent over the same period last year, compared to the provincial system-wide increase of 26.5 per cent.

Laurier has had an increase in applications in each of the past three years, experiencing the largest three-year cumulative increase in applications from Ontario high school applicants among all Ontario universities.

"These positive numbers reflect the strength of Laurier's reputation and the strength of our multi-campus, multi-community model," said Deborah MacLatchy, provost and vice-president: academic. "Laurier students are deeply engaged with the university and they value the teaching and research excellence and the close, supportive nature of our campuses. This is why Maclean's ranked Laurier #1 in student satisfaction."

Laurier is renowned for integrating high-quality academic programming with a wide range of experiential learning. Laurier graduates leave the university with a solid academic foundation, an ability to problem-solve and think creatively, and highly developed social and job skills gained through engagement in enriched academic experiences, student clubs, volunteer activities, workplace training, and community involvement.

To experience Laurier, please visit our website at wlu.ca and come for a visit. We conduct regular tours of our Waterloo and Brantford campuses. Specific dates to keep in mind:

- "Tour+ Days" in Brantford: Thursday, Feb. 2 and Friday, Feb. 3.
- Faculty of Music open house, Waterloo campus: Friday, March 10, 2017.
- Waterloo Campus March-break open house: Saturday, March 11, 2017.
- Brantford Campus March-break open house: Wednesday, March 15, 2017.
- "Tour+ Days," Waterloo campus: Saturday, May 27, 2017.
- Think Brantford Day: Saturday, May 27, 2017.

Applications for select programs will continue to be accepted for the next several months. For more information, please contact: chooselaurier@wlu.ca.