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Chair of Truth and Reconciliation Commission to speak at Laurier's Brantford campus

BRANTFORD – **Senator Murray Sinclair**, chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, will share his perspectives on leadership at a special event hosted by Wilfrid Laurier University's Brantford campus. The event takes place **Tuesday**, **Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.** at the Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts. The event is presented as part of Laurier's **Conversations with Leaders** speaker series, which brings prominent leaders from a variety of professions together with nationally recognized journalists for spirited and inspiring conversations.

Sinclair will share what leadership means to him with CBC journalist **Duncan McCue**. McCue himself is a lawyer and Anishinaabe, a member of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation in southern Ontario. They will discuss how Sinclair's unique experiences have shaped his personal approach to leadership, how that has been reflected in his life, and expound on the leadership necessary to follow through with the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which challenges all Canadians to address the legacy of Residential Schools and advance the process of reconciliation.

Sinclair is a leader in the Canadian legal and judicial system. His ability to balance a successful legal career, while at the same time maintaining a reverence for the traditional teachings of the Ojibway people, has earned him respect among both Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals.

"This is a critical humanitarian conversation for all Canadians," said Brian Rosborough, senior executive officer, Laurier Brantford. "At Laurier, we work to inspire lives of leadership and purpose among our students, staff, faculty and alumni. Senator Sinclair and Duncan McCue exemplify these qualities. This will be a memorable discussion between two people, both leading incredibly inspiring lives, that will stay with attendees long after the event is over."

All are welcome to attend this event. Tickets can be purchased <u>online</u>. Admission is \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students.