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Laurier and International Women's Forum host special event in honour of International Women's Day

WATERLOO –Wilfrid Laurier University and the International Women's Forum Lessons in Leadership luncheon is a sold out event – proof there is strong interest in the wisdom that female leaders have to share.

The event on Tuesday, March 6, brings together female leaders in science, business and technology who will share their insights on navigating career trajectories and how they envision the future for women in leadership. It takes place at Hacienda Sarria in Kitchener. Deborah MacLatchy, Laurier's president and vice-chancellor, will deliver the keynote address. Alan Quarry, Laurier lecturer and chair of advertising and marketing firm Quarry, will moderate the discussion.

"I am excited to come together with women from Laurier and the wider community to hear the perspectives of female leaders from so many fields," said MacLatchy. "We have the opportunity at this event to learn from each other and gain insights into different leadership styles."

The four panelists are:

Katharine Bambrick (MBA '97) – CEO of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and former executive director of Food Banks Canada, Bambrick has 25 years of experience in leadership and organization development for nonprofit and charities. Under her leadership, Food Banks Canada was the 2017 winner of the Google.org Impact Challenge People's Award.

Jessica Chalk (BBA '11) – President and CEO of TrafficSoda, Chalk founded her own digital growth and innovations company just three years after graduating from Laurier. She serves on the board for the SWO Entrepreneur Organization, is a member of Forbes Tech Council and is a mentor at the Founder Institute.

Shohini Ghose – A researcher and professor of Physics and Computer Science at Laurier, Ghose is an expert in quantum information theory and serves as associate editor of the Canadian Journal of Physics. She is the founding director of Laurier's Centre for Women in Science and the recipient of a TED Senior Fellowship.

Ellen Moore – President of the International Women's Forum Canada and president and CEO of Chubb Insurance Company of Canada and Chubb Life Insurance Company Canada.

Event details:

Date: Tuesday, March 6

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Hacienda Sarria, 1254 Union St., Kitchener

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